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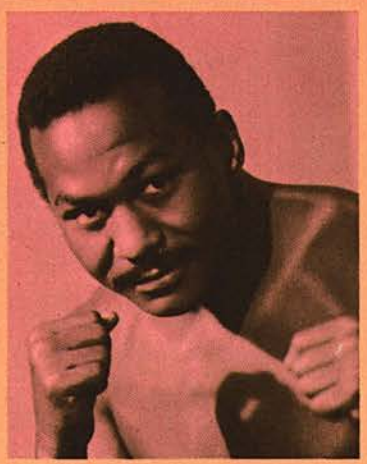
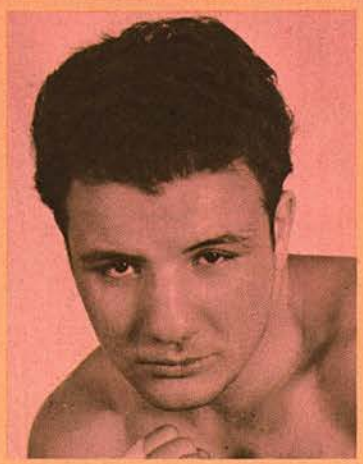
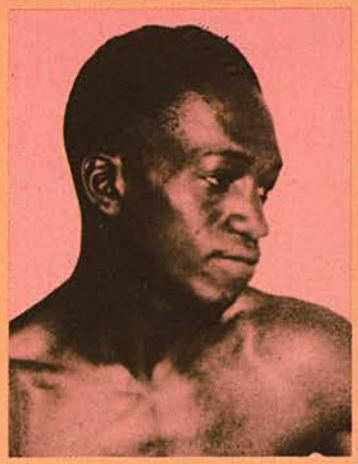

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From left to Right Top Row: Jose Napoles, Jake LaMotta, Panama Al Brown
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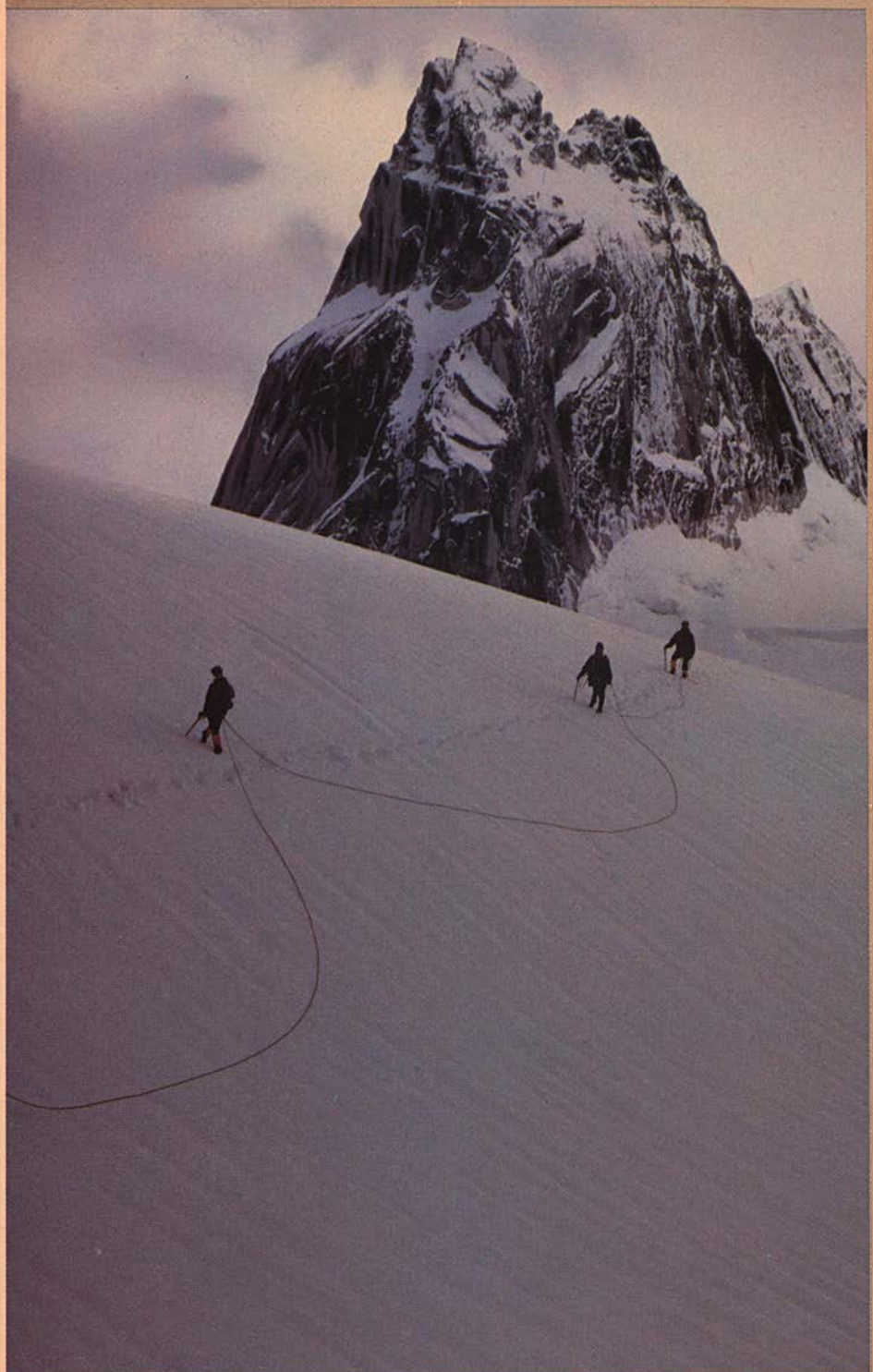

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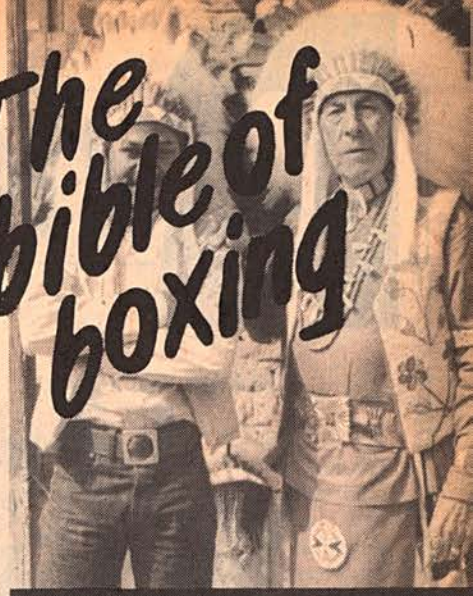

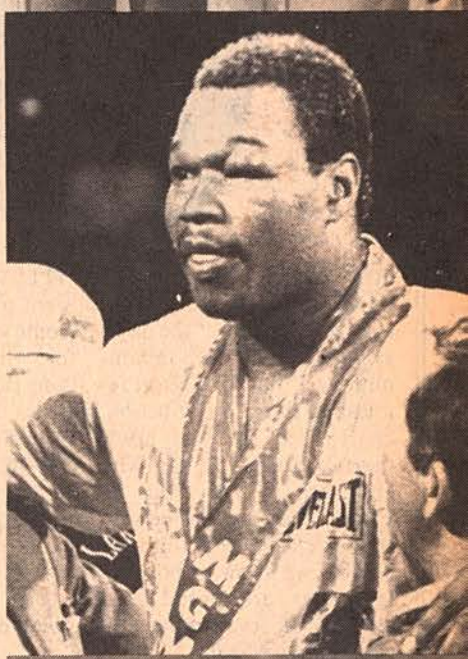

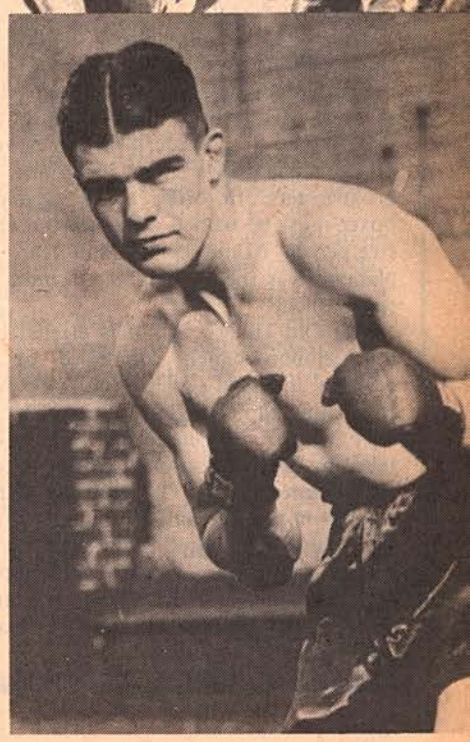

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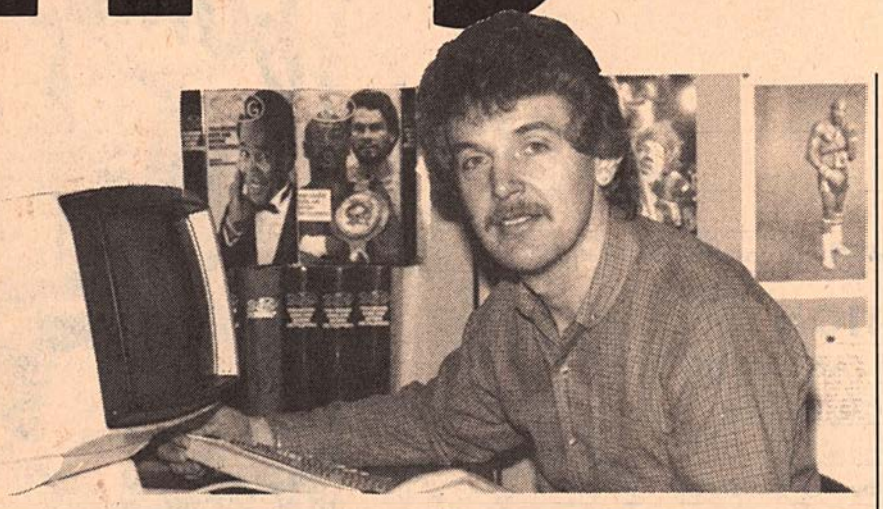

FOR SOME, FAME IS A FLEETING thing. Pop artist Andy Warhol went so far as predicting that, "the day will come when everyone will be famous for fifteen minutes." But for a select few, fame can be a lasting thing, a distinction that sets them apart from the vast horde of ordinary mortals. Such is the case with those fighters enshrined in *The Ring* Boxing Hall of Fame. They are the best of the best, the *creme de la creme* of this form of controlled combat we know as boxing. And with this issue, we are proud to announce the election of seven more fistic notables to these hallowed halls.

The Ring Hall of Fame is divided into three separate groups. The Modern Group consists of fighters who have been retired at least five years, but no more than twenty-five. The Modern Group is voted on by a panel of writers, historians, and broadcasters. In order to be elected, a boxer must be named on at least seventy-five percent of the ballots. This year, Jose Naoples was the only fighter to meet that requirement.

The Old-Timers Group is elected by a blue ribbon panel, comprised of our editorial staff and a select group of experts. In making the Old-Timers' selections, we were heavily influenced by a 1984 poll taken by the International Boxing Research Organization (IBRO), naming those fighters *not* in the Hall of Fame who most deserved to be honored. All four of the Old Timers elected this year were in the top ten of those named by IBRO. They are Manuel Ortiz, Jake LaMotta, Panama Al Brown, and Young Stribling.

Last, but not least, is the Pioneer Group—fighters from the bareknuckle era. For this group, *The Ring*'s resident historian, Herbert G. Goldman, has selected Thomas Jacking. Rounding out our "Magnificent Seven" is Lord Lonsdale, included in the Meritorious Service to Boxing Group, a section of the Hall of Fame reserved for non-participants.

I'm sure that the election of Jake LaMotta will raise a few eyebrows, if not a major ruckus. Many feel, with some justification, that because LaMotta threw a fight to Billy Fox, he forfeited his place among boxing's immortals. But *The Ring* feels that to continue to ignore Jake would be the height of hypocrisy. Boxing historians unanimously agree that Joe Gans took a dive in his fight with Terry McGovern, and Gans is in the Hall of Fame. There are other examples: Kid McCoy fell down for Jim Corbett and Abe Attell was involved in at least three highly suspect affairs. Both Abe and the Kid have been enshrined for years. Perhaps LaMotta's real sin was admitting his transgression, therefore embarrassing the boxing establishment. Whatever the case, I feel that Jake's great ring accomplishments more than balance the sales.

So, to Napoles, Ortis, LaMotta, Brown, Stribling, Jackling, and Lord Lonsdale, I say "welcome"—to the Hall of Fame. □

Nigel Collins

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Come Out Writing

WHAT ABOUT "SMOKIN' JOE?"

I ENJOYED HERBERT G. GOLDMAN'S piece "Larry Holmes Vs. The All-Time Greats." It was a gutsy article. But although I agree with most of what he wrote, I feel Mr. Goldman slighted Joe Frazier by not including him in the group. Let's not forget that Joe licked Muhammad Ali—the only fighter Mr. Goldman picked outright to beat Holmes. I don't know whether "Smokin' Joe" could have beaten Larry or not, but I'm sure he would have given him a lot tougher fight than many of those included in the article.

AL McMAHON
Philadelphia, Pa

HEAVYWEIGHT BOREDOM

YOU SHOULD TAKE BACK GREG Page's "Comeback of the Year" award. After looking good against (Gerrie) Coetzee, he returned to his old form (and weight) and fought a lackluster fight against Tony Tubbs. And Tubbs didn't look much better. Neither fighter seemed to care that a title was at stake. If anything puts an end to boxing, it won't be violence, but "world class" fighters like Page and Tubbs who will bore us all to death.

MARC GOODSTEIN
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A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

HATS OFF TO THE SPORT OF BOXing. Just when it needed it most, the sport is once again where it belongs—in a position of respect and popularity. The Hagler-Hearns fight was a breath of fresh air. Now you don't have to go back to the days of Zale and Graziano to talk about a great fight. You only have to go back to April 15, 1985.

ED CROWLEY
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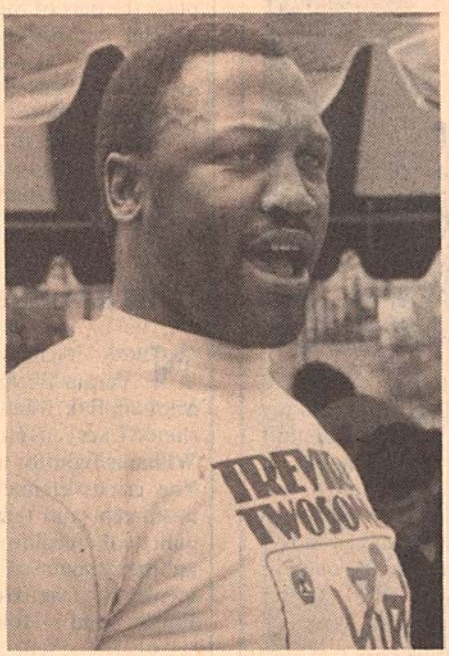
Reader Al McManon thinks that "Smokin' Joe" Frazier should have been included among the All-Time Greats compared with Larry Holmes.



THREE BLIND MICE

DID THE SAME THREE BLIND mice who almost gave Roberto Duran a victory over Marvin Hagler judge the Livingstone Bramble-Ray Mancini rematch? Good lord, if either of these two fighters (Duran and Mancini) had won the last round, they would be champion today. The worst part was that Mancini actually "thought" he had won. He must have been hit even harder than I thought. Ray is also a beautiful example of the public being treated like a flock of sheep. Television and the rest of the media keep ramming Mancini down our throats. And the people accept him like the second coming. As a fighter, Mancini is no better than an average class B fighter. His manager Dave Wolf is to be commended. He could sell freezers to the Eskimos.

FERNANDO TRUJILLO
Pomona, Ca

WANTON WASTE

THERE IS A SPECIAL BREED OF fighter which deserves recognition for one outstanding quality: no matter how talented these young men may be, you can count on them, every single time, to fight a stupid fight. They seem to have no concept whatsoever of what strategy will work, and which will not. They have been known to abandon a brilliant fight plan mapped out by their trainers in favor of a disastrous course of action which inevitably leads to their losing a fight which their skills ought easily to have won. A few cases in point:

JUAN LaPORTE: every single time he threw his right hand with any conviction, he wobbled Barry McGuigan's legs and had him in desperate trouble, and every time his right-hand bomb landed, he would back off timidly and spend the rest of the round in the corner, covering up. McGuigan obviously outworked him for the decision. LaPorte displayed the same inexplicable strategy against Wilfredo Gomez.

ALEX RAMOS: was pounding John Collins all over the ring in front of Collins' hometown before he decided to stop fighting in round nine and allowed the Irishman to steal a draw.

RENALDO SNIPES: a magnificent physical specimen who has fought at least six of the most embarrassingly stupid fights in my memory. He allowed Witherspoon and Frank to outwork him, Holmes to recover and stop him, Coetzee to build an early lead and outlast him, Evangelista to shove him all over the ring, and Ricky Parkey—a *cruiserweight*, for God's sake—to box rings around him.

MITCHELL GREEN: an awesome amateur who, for some odd reason, has decided to stop trying to hurt anyone as a pro. This massive heavyweight has all the talent in the world, but will probably never even become a serious contender due to his lack of desire and common sense.

It is positively painful to watch fighters with this kind of talent waste it in pathetic non-efforts which not only irreparably damage their careers, but which cheat the fans of watching some truly gifted athletes at their best. Wise up, guys, or pack it in.

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Round One

by Nigel Collins

A TASTE OF REALITY

SOMETIMES THE FINE line that divides reality from fantasy becomes a little blurred. Actor Sylvester Stallone has made a fortune portraying boxer Rocky Balboa and other macho characters in the movies. Stallone's impressive physique and well-choreographed fight scenes make him look practically invincible, at least on screen. However, somewhere along the line, Stallone must have forgotten that there is a big difference between movie reviews and fight results. His lapse almost proved fatal.

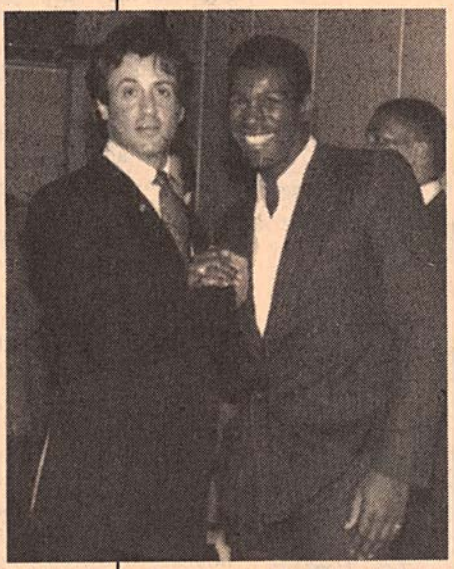


Photo by Pete Goldfield

Actor Sylvester Stallone, pictured here with former WBC light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad, was recently hospitalized after taking one body punch too many while filming ***Rocky IV.***

Stallone was filming a fight scene for *Rocky IV* in Vancouver, British Columbia, between Rocky and the Soviet champion, played by Swedish boxer Dolph Lungren. Instead of following the usual carefully choreographed method, Stallone decided to pump a little extra juice into the scene by throwing away the script and trading blows for real.

"I wanted the fight to be as spontaneous as we could make it," reported Stallone, "I told the other fighter to let it fly."

As things turned out, Lungren gave Stallone a lot more problems than either Apollo Creed or Clubber Lang.

"Apparently he (Lungren) hit me in the stomach and shoved my diaphragm into my heart. That night, I couldn't understand the pounding in my chest. I only had a few close-ups of body punches to film the next day, and I thought I could get through it. But my girlfriend (actress Brigitte Nielsen) got hysterical and called my agent."

Stallone was hospitalized, and soon discovered that his heart was bleeding as a result of the bizarre sparring accident.

"Oh, great, now I've got a bleeding heart," quipped Stallone.

T.S. Eliot once wrote that, "Humankind cannot bear very much reality." He was right, of course. In Stallone's case however, it would be much healthier if his celluloid opponents pulled their punches.

DON GOES TO HOLLYWOOD

TALK ABOUT TYPE CASTing. Promoter Don King has a feature role in a new movie titled *Head Office*. Don plays the part of the only black official on the board of a corporation. "I basically play myself, the way I act at my press conferences," says King. If that's true, it is doubtful that any of the other actors in the picture will manage to get a word in edgewise.

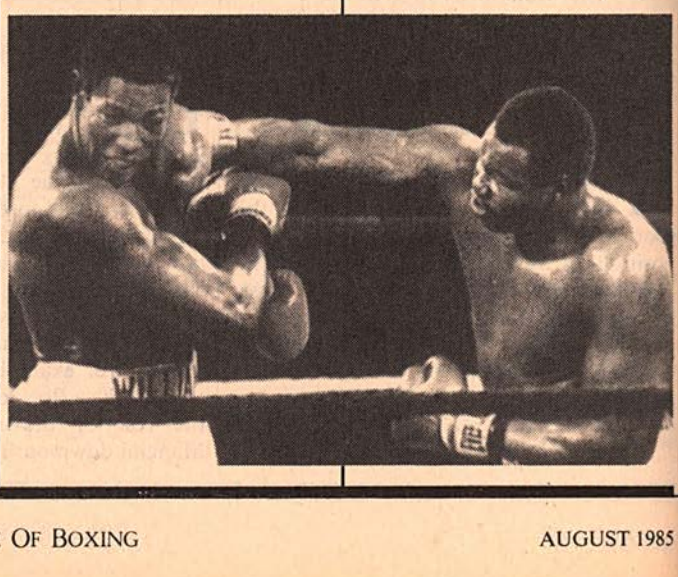
THE RATINGS GAME

NBC'S FIGHT DOCTOR, Ferdie Pacheco, caught a lot of flak when he bought the Larry Holmes-Carl Williams fight for his network. The critics claimed it was a mismatch, and that NBC was guilty of feeding the public another bout of the same quality as the Holmes-Scott Frank and Holmes-Marvis Frazier fiascos. As we all now know, the match turned out to be highly competitive, with "The Truth" coming very close to pulling the upset of the year. But perhaps the biggest news as far as Pacheco and NBC are concerned is not the fact that the fight turned out so well. No, the big news is that Holmes' 48th straight victory received a hefty 18.7 overall Nielsen rating and a 29 percent share of the audience in 10 major markets. This meant that the fight finished second in the important May prime-time sweep period. Who said *The Ring*'s International Ratings were the only ones that really count in boxing?

BITING THE HAND THAT FEEDS YOU

IT SEEMS THAT RAY (BOOM Boom)Mancini has become a tad bitter about the "sweet science." Ray, who recently spilled his guts to the Akron *Beacon-Journal*, had some rather uncomplimentary things to say about the racket that bought him fame and fortune.

"I see these people (in boxing) and a lot of them turn



Who says boxing is dead? Larry Holmes' 15-round decision over challenger Carl 'The Truth' Williams on NBC-TV drew an excellent 18.7 Nielsen rating during the important May prime-time sweep period.

Round One

Former WBA lightweight champion Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini sounded rather disillusioned in a recent interview. See 'Biting The Hand That Feeds You" for details.

my stomach," said Ray. "The sharks and the snipers. The promoters who are out to promote themselves, not boxing. You see piranha—and that's what they are. Piranha. The boxer gives his heart and soul. The others take from him. I look at some of those people (in the audience) and I want to go for the throat. They have no courage, not an ounce of courage. Who are they to boo fighters, to put them down? The fighter is doing his best. They're fickle, those people."

Gee whiz, Ray. We always thought you loved everybody.

AWARDS GALORE

THE BOXING WRITERS ASsociation of America recently held its 60th annual dinner and awards presentation at the Delegates' Dining Room at the United Nations building in New York. As always, this gala affair attracted many of boxing's notables. The Edward J. Neal Award as 1984's "Fighter of the Year" went to Thomas Hearns. The James J. Walker Award for long and meritorious service was presented to Muhammad Ali, while Lou Duva received the Al Buck Memorial Award for "Manager of the Year." The Nat Fleischer Memorial Award for excellence in boxing journalism went to John Schulian, columnist for the Philadelphia *Daily News*. John F.X. Condon of Madison Square Garden received the Sam Taub Award for excellence in boxing broadcast journalism. Nat Loubet, *The Ring*'s executive publisher, Vic Ziegel, and Bill Gallo were awarded honorary lifetime memberships in the organization. Our congratulations to all.

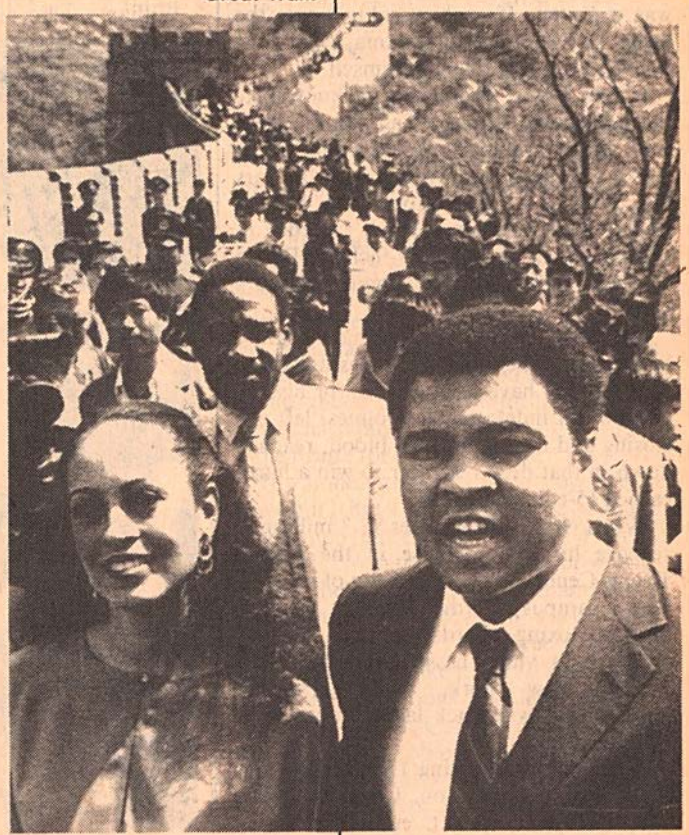
PUNCHLINES

BOSTON CELTIC STAR Larry Bird, explaining how his team gets pumped up for big games: "We get like Marvelous Marvin Hagler, where we can almost hate whoever it is who's trying to beat us. It's nothing personal. It's just our way."

FIGHTER/ACTOR RANdall (Tex) Cobb, commenting on his strategy after being knocked down by fellow heavyweight Eddie Gregg: "After I got up, I stuck with my game plan—stumbling forward and getting hit in the face."

TRAINER RICHIE GIAchetti, explaining why the quality of Larry Holmes' opponents will not tarnish hi accomplishment. If Larry succeeds in breaking Rocky Marciano's record: "It doesn't make a difference. Joe Louis fought the bum of the month. It's immaterial. It's a record. In 20 years, no one will know the difference." □

East meets West as Muhammad Ali and his wife Veronica visit China's famed Great Wall.



"THE TRUTH" HURTS

Will Father Time Overtake Holmes Before Larry Overtakes Rocky Marciano?

BY JACK WELSH

THE NEXT TIME LARRY HOLMES fights—presumably in September—the "screen test" will certainly be more than a bit part.

Since Holmes' next moment of legal violence will be to dead-heat the late, great Rocky Marciano's storied achievement of 49 straight victories, Larry wants the script to be absolutely perfect.

The 35-year old International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion will have no truck with a rerun of that not-so-pleasant night in May when upstart Carl "The Truth" Williams made a big move toward household recognition in Reno.

Though a stark illustration of Father Time taking its toll, Holmes has been around too long to alibi having to fight . . . really fight . . . 15 rounds when much less was expected. If such was his wont, the pride of Easton, Pennsylvania, need only point an accusing finger at himself.

It's an honest appraisal to acknowledge the undisputed leader of all the big boys sold himself short in allowing only three weeks to prepare for a young man 10 years his junior . . . a true adonis at 6'4", 215 pounds with an 85-inch reach exceeded in boxing annals only a half-inch by Primo Carnera, Italy's world champion 50 years ago.

But there's more. Now perhaps slightly humorous to the sport's devotees, the irony of it all may have been a piece for history had not an indefatigable Holmes, left eye closing and tasting his own blood, reached down in that deep reservoir to win a hard-earned 15-round decision.

When NBC paid Holmes $2.3 million to televise his 19th defense in the Lawlor Events Center on the University of Nevada-Reno campus, Ferdie Pacheo, the network's boxing coordinator and analyst, threw in a video cassette of the White Plains, New York, challenger's last assignment—way back last October 23 in Atlantic City.

Larry enjoys watching TV when it's part avocation, not vocation. Understandably, the champion wasn't enthralled about viewing Williams en route to a 10-round decision over once-quick James Tillis of Tulsa and Chicago. Holmes was little more than amused when he watched the non-ambitious Tillis knock down Williams twice in the first round with overhand rights. Such punches have been the champion's bread-and-butter during his seven years on the throne.

Suddenly, Holmes spoke over his shoulder to senior brother, Jake: "That's it. Turn off the machine. I've got this guy."

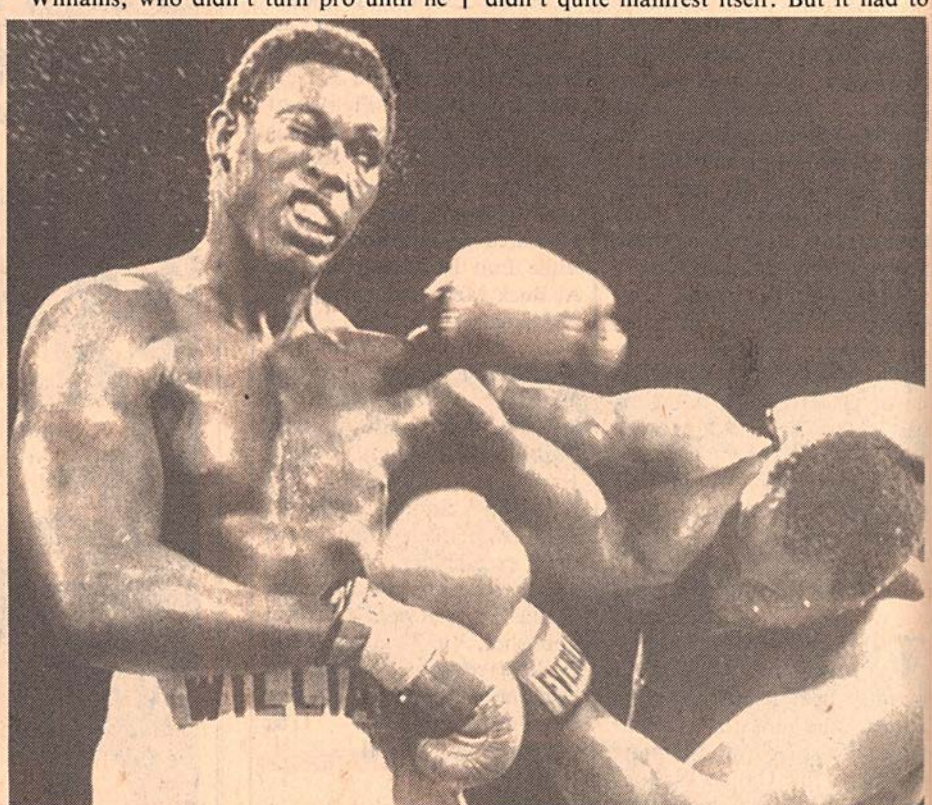
Little did Larry know how painful "The Truth" would be in the coming weeks. Holmes never saw the next nine rounds when the former New York Golden Gloves champion showed a superb heart and a punishing left jab.

Williams, who didn't turn pro until he was 22, after amateur bouts to match his age, practically pitched a shutout against Tillis the rest of the night to run his skein to 16 straight wins and a dozen kayoes. The work ultimately lifted Carl to the IBF's No 7 contender spot.

Few people among the announced 6,046 admissions (later revised to 5,320 and a $304,250 paid gate) were aware of Holmes' faux pas. Yet after he settled in to a little midnight bash the MGM Grand was throwing for its most famous guest, Larry was probably still too tired to be riled when the incident was mentioned.

"You can sure as hell bet I won't do that again," Holmes smiled behind glasses that clearly magnified his battered orb.

If the spectre of Marciano was tracking Holmes in the waning days of spring, it didn't quite manifest itself. But it had to



give the IBF titleholder some food for thought in the autumn of a brilliant 13-year career.

Williams proved he was indeed "The Truth" in displaying a more accurate and faster jab than Holmes at 222½. Now tutored by veteran Carmine Graziano, the confident challenger forced Holmes to call on all his guile down the stretch in order to dominate on all scorecards.

Williams, an 8-1 underdog, simply lacked experience and a solid right hand for combinations to fashion one of the greatest upsets in boxing history. Such possibilities seemed to exist sporadically in the early going when Williams backed up Holmes. The champion's reflexes seemed to betray him when golden opportunities beckoned.

Often Holmes thought Carl was a sucker for a right, but he couldn't deliver, particularly midway through the eighth round when the New Yorker spun like a top after missing a punch in the center of the ring. Holmes of three years ago would have had a courageous, but sometimes careless Williams out of there no later than the ninth round, a juncture when the IBF kingpin bent the challenger double with wicked body shots and combinations to the head.

Williams was sliced on the outside of the left eye in the third round, but cutman Eddie Alliano kept the cut from worsening. Though tiring, Carl led on one scorecard—after 11 rounds, but Holmes, pressing and cutting off the ring, hurt Williams late in the 14th and 15th rounds. Just when it appeared Larry's muscular rival might touch the canvas, the bell twice intervened.

In a point stressed by trainer Eddie Futch, Holmes took far more punishment from the ambitious Williams than he did in winning a split 12-round decision over Tim Witherspoon two years to the day (May 20) in Las Vegas when he was still the WBC champion.

"Larry worked harder for this fight than we wanted him too," the veteran conditioner said. "He definitely left some of his fight in the gym. The right wasn't as sharp as it has been.

"I told Larry not to try to slip Williams' jab because it was too fast. I wanted him to parry with it. That's the most punishment Larry has taken since I joined him in 1981 for the Trevor Berbick fight. However, he really hurt Williams with those body shots. I've always been trying to get Holmes to work to the body more because he can be effective there, but, like Muhammad Ali, he's been a head hunter throughout his career."

In the official voting, all for Holmes, Las Vegas' Jerry Roth had it 143-142 while identical tabs of 146-139 belonged to Paul Gibbs of Seattle, and Allen Rothenberg of Virginia City, Va. *The Ring*'s scorecard was 145-140 for the champion.

Graziano, who trained such former champions as Joey Giardello, Wallace "Bud" Smith, and Mike Rossman, made no excuses in the recap.

"I thought the fight was closer, but it was close enough to give it to the champion," the New Jersey trainer said. "In the final four rounds, I really thought Carl's youth would take over, but it was Holmes' experience that won the decision."

Williams felt he was more accurate in telling "The Truth" than his mentor.

"I thought the fight was closer than it was," the challenger said. "We love Holmes, he's been a great champion, but I don't think he did enough to get a unanimous decision. I thought I outjabbed him. I know I did a helluva job . . . enough to get at least a draw.

"I'll admit Holmes got me with some very big body shots, but in my opinion, he should pack it in. That cut over my eye came from an experienced jab. By that I mean, Holmes was jabbing just past me . . . just enough for the laces to cut me. I didn't know what he was doing until I felt the blood."

The rematch?

"I can't see Larry giving me a rematch," Carl opined. "Why would he want to fight me again? The next time I'd beat him. I think he'll coast from here on in with his opponents. Holmes told me my jab was faster, but his was more experienced."

Holmes was generous in his praise of the conquered rival though he failed to gain his 35th knockout.

"In the first round, I knew I was in a war," the champion said. "But as the fight wore on, I gained control. Williams was fighting like a scared fighter. By that, I mean he was dangerous that way . . . someone you have to watch all the time.

"It was a hard fight. He's more determined and stronger than the films showed. He's a pretty fair puncher, but he never really hurt me. All fighters get up for Larry Holmes. He didn't fight Tillis like that. You can't take anything away from Williams . . . he's a good fighter. He reminds me of my youth with that jab . . . a good, hard jab."

The future for Larry Holmes.

"My honest thoughts right now are to keep goin', but I'm in this game to make money, not impress the people," Holmes informed. "Whatever I did right or wrong, I'm still the champion, but Williams has a bright future. If I fight again, it's for three reasons—the money, Marciano's record, and because I still like it. But it gets harder with all the distractions outside the ring.

"I know there are people out there who want to see lose. Some people don't want me to break Rocky's record. But I'm still the baddest (bleep . . . bleep) out there today." □

Champion Larry Holmes distorts challenger Carl (The Truth) Williams' face with a punishing right to the jaw en route to a 15-round points victory.

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A battered Larry Holmes still has the IBF belt following his close call with Carl (The Truth) Williams.

A GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH

25,000 WATCH MCGUIGAN DECISION PEDROZA FOR WBA FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE

BY RON OLVER

The new WBA World Featherweight Boxing champion Barry McGuigan with his wife Sandra and child Blaine.

LONDON, ENGLAND—The king is dead! Long live the king! After one of the greatest fights ever seen in a British ring—some would say the greatest—Irishman Barry McGuigan, the Clones Cyclone, won the WBA featherweight title by decisively outpointing legendary champion Eusebio Pedroza of Panama over 15 all-action rounds at the Queens Park Rangers Football Stadium.

At least twice, Pedroza looked on the verge of being knocked out.

The decision was unanimous. Referee Stanley Christodoulou of South Africa scored 148-138, judge Ove Oveson of Denmark, 149-139, and judge Fernando Viso of Venezuela, 147-140—all wide margins in favor of the 24-year-old British and European champion.

The after fight scenes were unprecedented. More than half of the 25,000 spectators were Irish, and they all wanted to climb into the ring to congratulate Barry, to shake his hand, to pat him on the back—just to touch their idol in order to be part of this memorable victory.

They cheered him into the ring, and they cheered him out of it. Such was the crush, that 20 minutes elapsed before Barry was able to return to his dressing room.

There was a sensational incident at the lunchtime weigh-in which could have ruined this fantastic night.

The ceremony was supervised by WBA representative Ramos Yordan, and Pedroza weighed in just before McGuigan and manager Barney Eastwood arrived.

Pedroza's weight was announced as 126 pounds even. Manager Eastwood wasn't at all happy, and insisted on seeing Pedroza weigh in. This request was refused, so Barney retorted angrily, "This has never happened before. If this is the sort of fair play we are going to get, you can forget it," Eastwood promptly ushered McGuigan away from the scales.

However, minutes later, with the fight still in jeopardy, Barney came back, took the mike, and announced, "I protest at this treatment. I am disappointed at the British Boxing Board of Control and the World Boxing Association. But we will go on."

McGuigan then stepped on the scales, and his weight was announced as 125 pounds and 14 ounces—just two ounces lighter than the champion.

It had earlier been announced that, as the fight was a virtual sell-out, it would be televised live by the BBC, to an approximate viewing audience in Britain of 20 million and a total of 100 million in 11 countries.

McGuigan entered the ring to a tremendous reception. The national anthems were played, and then Barry's father, Pat McGuigan, took the mike in the ring to sing "Dany Boy"—quickly joined by every Irishman in the stadium.

It was an impressive sight. It didn't matter what religious persuasions they were. This night, they were bound together in a common cause. In fact, Barry is a Catholic, and his wife, Sandra, is a protestant. And his example is already doing a lot to bring people together.

As the m.c. was announcing the weights, a male midget, decked in green, pranced around the ring, presumably to bring Barry luck, while Pedroza knelt in his corner in prayer.

McGuigan came out fast at the opening bell, both hands busy, and continued in the same vein until the final bell. That was the pattern of the fight—Barry working overtime with his left jab; Pedroza using his undoubted skill and revealing loads of courage, but having to play second fiddle for practically the whole fight. He was too busy defending and back pedaling to put any positive plan of his own into operation.

It was jab-for-jab in the first round, with McGuigan crouching, bobbing and weaving—agressive all the time. The pace was incredibly fast for a world title fight, and although Pedroza was nearly four inches taller, both had an identical reach of 70 inches.

The champion continued to box on the retreat, using the whole of the ring, which was the maximum 20′ square. But every so often, he would be pinned in a corner, and McGuigan would bang away with those accurate and hurtful left jabs and following rights.

In round two, Pedroza had a swelling on the left cheek and there was a slight cut on the left eybrow in the following sessions. These injuries yielded to treatment.

Both men were warned for low blows, but these were only light punches, and did no damage.

The bell sounded for the start of round four, and McGuigan has halfway across the ring when Pedroza turned his back, motioning to the referee that his second had not yet inserted the gumshield. Surprisingly, the referee told McGuigan to wait until this had been done—which was completely out of order.

But that fourth session was a great one. For once, Pedroza elected to stand still and fight it out toe-to-toe, and McGuigan was only too happy to join issue. Both took hefty punches without flinching, and the fans loved it. It was Pedroza's 20th title defense, and he showed flashes of brilliance that revealed only too clearly why he had not been beaten since 1976.

In round five, a frustrated Pedroza threw a couple of punches after the bell, but McGuigan turned away sharply, and no harm was done.

The swelling on the champion's cheek was larger now—a sign that McGuigan was bringing his right cross into play more often. It was that punch that caught the champion flush on the jaw 40 seconds before the end of round seven.

As Pedroza swayed to his right, on the way down, McGuigan slammed home a left hook to the head. The champion was up at three, took the mandatory eight-cound, and was obviously shaken. McGuigan piled on the pressure, but the bell interrupted his assault, and Pedroza survived.

The atmosphere was electric. The fans were singing "Here we go, here we go," a song that's normally used by soccer fans.

It was then that Pedroza showed what had made him such a fine champion. He came out for the eighth full of fight and actually took the play to McGuigan. It was toe-to-toe and punch-for-punch. Pedroza has a beautiful style, and was getting home with accurate left jabs when McGuigan again took over and finished the round strongly.

Pedroza's recovery continued in the ninth, but towards the end of the round, he was caught with a right to the head. His knees wobbled, he stumbled backwards around the ring, and McGuigan became a fighting fury as he threw lefts and rights in an attempt to put his man down again.

The fans were making so much noise that the contestants didn't hear the bell and continued fighting. Pedroza's second jumped into the ring to protest to the referee, but the official obviously hadn't heard the bell, either.

Round 10, and again, Pedroza did not get off his stool until after the bell had rung. And again, he got away with it, as McGuigan was not permitted to take advantage of the situation. Barry was warned for pulling his man down just after, but towards the end of the round, the champion looked very weary.

Pedroza's second was still in the ring when the bell rang for the start of round 11, and the fans booed. The champion slipped to the canvas, and got up to hold on for dear life. His legs just weren't working.

In the last four rounds, Pedroza showed all the qualities of a champion who knows he is fighting a lost cause, but is determined to come out of it with honor and dignity. He was still taking those hurtful left jabs and hooks, calling on hidden reserves in order to keep going.

Pedroza was again late in leaving his corner at the start of the 13th, but it mad no difference now. He was still fighting back, but his legs wouldn't do what his brain was calling on them to. McGuigan tagged him with a right cross and following left hooks that shook him to the very foundations. He reeled backwards, arms at this sides—turning away, lurching across the ring, seeking the refuge that wasn't there. McGuigan threw every punch in the book, but when the bell rang, that magnificent gutsy champion was still on his feet, gaining everyone's admiration.

If it hadn't been a world title fight, the contest would probably have been stopped. McGuigan was miles ahead, but Pedroza wouldn't have wanted to lose that way. He was now forced to hold at every opportunity, and a frustrated McGuigan was censured for throwing the champion to the canvas in round 14.

At the start of the last session, the referee pulled them together to shake hands. McGuigan was as fast as in the opening round. Pedroza was still fighting back, but so tired that the final bell must have come as a welcome relief.

McGuigan was immediately cheered by his supporters, but there was an interminable delay of three to four minutes before the result was announced: a unanimous verdict—a wonderful night for McGuigan, and for British boxing.

A word of praise for Pedroza, one of the all-time greats who contributed to making this fight one never to be forgotten. It could easily be seen why he had kept the title for so long, and in defeat, he showed the courage and bearing of a true champion. At 32 years of age, it was remarkable how, time after time, he was able to pull himself together and, occasionally, rally.

Pedroza received an estimated 800,000 British pounds, and McGuigan 150,000. It was later revealed that Pedroza's manager, Santiago del Rio, had visited McGuigan's dressing room just before the fight and demanded that Barry's hands be rebandaged in his presence. The original taping had been supervised by Board of Control and WBA officials, but del Rio got his way. Barry's hands were rebandaged, an action that made the Irish camp very angry—and McGuigan even more tense.

Manager Eastwood then cleared everyone else out of the dressing room and said to Barry, "Pedroza's pulled all the strokes so far—the money, the weigh-in, now the bandages. He's won the battles. Now we'll go out and win the war."

Barry revealed that he had pulled a ligament in his left elbow five days earlier in training. This started troubling him again during the fight, and, after the fifth round, he mentioned it to his manager. "So what?" Eastwood replied. "You can beat this guy with one hand."

Some after-the-fight quotes:

McGuigan: "I would like to thank everyone involved in my victory—my trainer, my family, but particularly my manager, Mr. Eastwood. I am so delighted to have beaten a renowned champion. My manager said I could go 50 rounds if I wanted to, and I felt very confident. I want to dedicate my title to Young Ali, who died after meeting me in 1982. [Nigerian Ali had a blood clot, went into a coma, and died six months later.] I want to show that it was no ordinary fighter that beat him, but a world champion."

Pedroza: "The kid was far too strong for me. Once he had knocked me down in the seventh, I couldn't keep him away. He's a very good fighter."

Eastwood: "It went exactly how we planned. I think Barry could have taken him out a bit earlier, but we were always afraid in case he (Pedroza) threw that big punch. Pedroza was a great champion, but we've got a great champion here, and I think Barry will remain so for many years to come."

Celebrations at the home of his parents in Clones, were marred by a fire in the early hours of the morning which destroyed his gym, part of the house, and his video collection of previous fights. His mother and other relatives were unhurt.

A last word from Barry: "I intend to retire before 1988, because my style involves taking a certain amount of punishment."

He should be a millionaire long before then.

Dave McAuley, Belfast, stopped Bobby McDermott, Glasgow, in round 10. This was an official eliminator for the British flyweight title.

Roy Webb, Larne, halted Danny Lee, Greenock, in round five, bantams, six.

Harry Cowap, Balham, outpointed Steward Robinson, Birmingham, light heavies, eight.

David Haggarty, Paisley, halted David Irvine, Belfast, in round three, light welters.

Simon Eubanks, Peckham, outpointed Gary Muir, Belfast, light welter, six.

A scheduled 10 between Wilford Scypion and Herol Graham of Sheffield was cancelled because of a "routine x-ray" which revealed a "skull irregularity" on the part of Scypion. (06-08-85)

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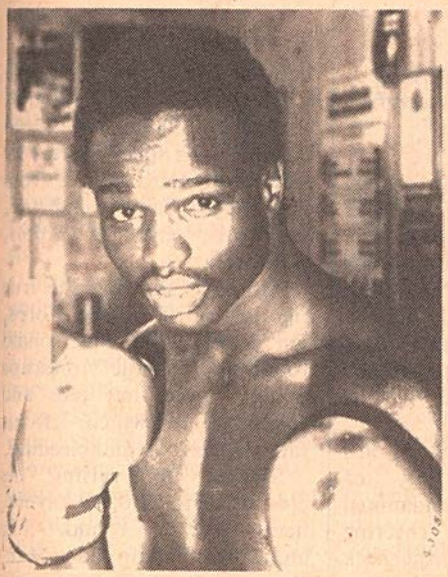

JOHN MUNDUGA

ON HOT AFTERNOONS IN TAMPA they like to open the garage doors of the Alessi Gym and show off their local star, John Mugabi. The curious come in off the street, attracted by the loud, Reggae music and before long, a decent sized crowd has assembled to watch "The Beast" work out.

In the other corner of the ring, a tall, lean fighter reclines against the post, his arms rested on the top ropes. He appears relaxed and confident and when the bell rings he mixes willingly with the man who has knocked out his every opponent. Yet by the end of the session, it becomes obvious to those in attendance that this able, young boxer is giving Mugabi all he can handle.

His name is John Munduga, a promising, 23-year-old welterweight from Uganda. His cool and steady counterpunching method is similar to the work of Manolete in a different ring, and the reason for his nickname, "The Matador."

Trainer George Francis describes Munduga's talent for counterpunching as purely natural. "That, right there," he says with a knowing smile as "The Matador" slips a Mugabi hook by a hair's breadth and returns a hard left to the body. "That's nice. You can't teach a fighter to react like that."

His manager, Mickey Duff is more straightforward in his assessment.

"John Munduga is the best boxer in the world today. I didn't say all-around fighter—but the best boxer in the world."

While Donald Curry fans are bound to raise eyebrows at statements like that, Duff remains adamant. "In the ring," he says, "he has amazing body movement . . . he's very intelligent."

Superb balance and agility are characteristics which allow Munduga to stand out among the taller fighters today. Defensively, he's similar to Wilfred Benitez who was also adept at making opponents miss and capitalizing on the openings. But unlike Benitez, Munduga can counter with considerable force. Professionally he has maintained roughly a 75% knockout ratio, stopping 15 of his 19 opponents inside the limit.

So far, however, Munduga has not had to rely on his defensive instincts to win fights. At 6'1", he's able to back up most opponents, working combinations off a potent left jab. Therefore, it is "The Beast" who brings out "The Matador" in Munduga. "He is a very good boxer," says Mugabi, who has more than just a passing interest in Munduga's progress.

Childhood friends in Kampala, the two have ascended the boxing ranks together, sometimes fighting on the same amateur cards. Munduga, like Mugabi, had an impressive amateur career, compiling a 129-10 record, representing Uganda in 24 international tournaments.

"He came to me via Mugabi, who came to me via Cornelius Boza-Edwards," says Duff, who explains American presence in Africa during the war years as the reason Uganda has produced such quality fighters. "They were taught to box by the Americans and it is evident in their styles."

In his most recent performances, John Munduga has carried himself like a seasoned veteran. Last year in Tampa, in a bout televised by the USA Network, Munduga dropped Robert Wilcox with an assortment of straight rights, uppercuts and hooks from all angles en route to a second round knockout.

Since then, Mickey Duff has had some difficulty finding a ranked opponent to face Munduga. "He's ready now," he says. "It's just a matter of time before they let us in." With that in mind, Munduga has remained active, making the most of each bout.

In his Atlantic City debut, "The Matador" withered New England's Terry Crawley with a repertoire of body punches until referee Larry Hazzard stopped the fight before the bell ending round seven.

Five weeks later in Tampa, Munduga provided an anxious moment for his corner. Early in the fight, he clipped the stubborn head of Willie McGee once too often, injuring his right hand. Superior boxing skills enabled Munduga to steer clear of danger and still manage a convincing eight-round decision. But Duff admits he was concerned during the fight.

"Fortunately, nothing was broken," Duff says, pointing to the back of his wrist. "He damaged the metacarpal and just needs a few weeks rest."

On that advice, Munduga returned to Africa with Mugabi to relax and visit relatives. But it won't be long before they are back in the gym, honing and perfecting their ring skills. For now, Munduga does not mind fighting in the shadow of his best friend. He has adapted nicely to the role of the underdog, giving everything of himself and taking no experience for granted. Many believe it will only be a matter of time before "The Matador" establishes himself on his own merits. But until then, "The Beast" will have his hands full—at least in the gym. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF JOHN MUNDUGA

Kampala, Unganda Welterweight
Height: 6'1"
Managed by: Mickey Duff
Trained by: George Francis
Amateur Record: 129-10

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1981		
Nov. 6	Ian Murray	Kiel	W 6
Dec. 26	Gary Brown	Gelsenkirchen	KO 2
	1982		
Mar. 26	Andre Wissenbach	Kiel	KO 1
Apr. 30	Klaus Fuchs	Cologne	KO 5
Oct. 23	Jesus Maria Garcia	Berlin	KO 2
Dec. 4	Cor Everstein	Cologne	KO 2
	1983		
Feb. 26	Esperno Postl	Mannheim	KO 2
Mar. 4	Joey Mack	Cologne	KO 5
Sept. 10	Rafael Salamone	Cologne	KO 4
	1984		
Jan. 14	Mohamed Bouziani	Dusseldorf	KO 2
Feb. 9	Lloyd Christie	Geneva	W 8
Feb. 24	Lloyd Christie	Hamburg	KO 6
Mar. 9	Germain Le Maitre	Frankfurt	W 8
Apr. 13	Sammy Horne	Hagen	KO 3
May 3	Robert Wilcox	Tampa	KO 2
Nov. 28	Tom Rogers	Atlantic City	KO 2
Dec. 7	Angel Sindo	Atlantic City	W 6
Dec. 19	Lopez McGee	Tampa	KO 1
	1985		
Jan. 30	Terry Crawley	Atlantic City	KO 7
Mar. 7	Willie McGee	Tampa	W 8

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TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
20	20	0	0	16

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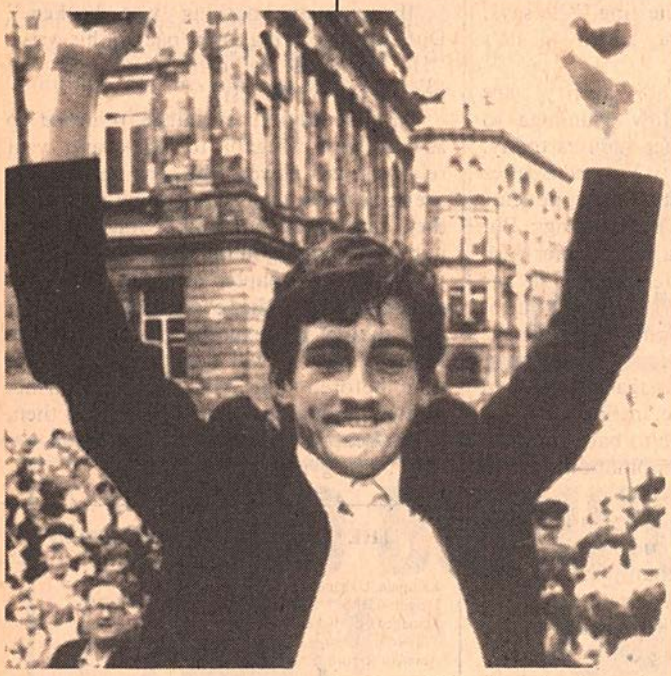

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New WBA featherweight champion Barry McGuigan is cheered during his victory parade in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Barry's dramatic win over Eusebio Pedroza also earned him *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Month award.

IRISH EYES ARE SMILING—AND RIGHTLY SO. BARRY McGuigan became the first Irishman to win a world title since Johnny Caldwell won the EBU version of the world bantamweight crown in 1961. The "Clones Cyclone," as McGuigan is known, won the WBA featherweight title with a unanimous 15-round decision over Eusebio Pedroza before a capacity crowd of 25,000 cheering partisans at the Queens Park Rangers Soccer Stadium in London, England. The Panamanian champion was trying for his 20th title defense, but found McGuigan's youthful exuberance and firepower too much to handle. Along with the WBA belt, Barry also wins *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Month award.

Sometimes you can gain *almost* as much losing as you can by winning. Such is the case with this month's runner up—**Carl (The Truth) Williams**. The Truth of the matter is that Williams (an 8 to 1 underdog) came extremely close to upsetting IBF heavyweight champion Larry Holmes in their Las Vegas title bout. The aging champ held on to the crown by the skin of his teeth, but Williams, by virtue of his outstanding effort, established himself as a force to be reckoned with in the ever-changing heavyweight picture.

Honorable mention goes to **Alfonzo Ratliff,** who upset Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon, via split decision, to win the WBC cruiserweight title.

SPINKS-MacDONALD
World Light Heavyweight Title

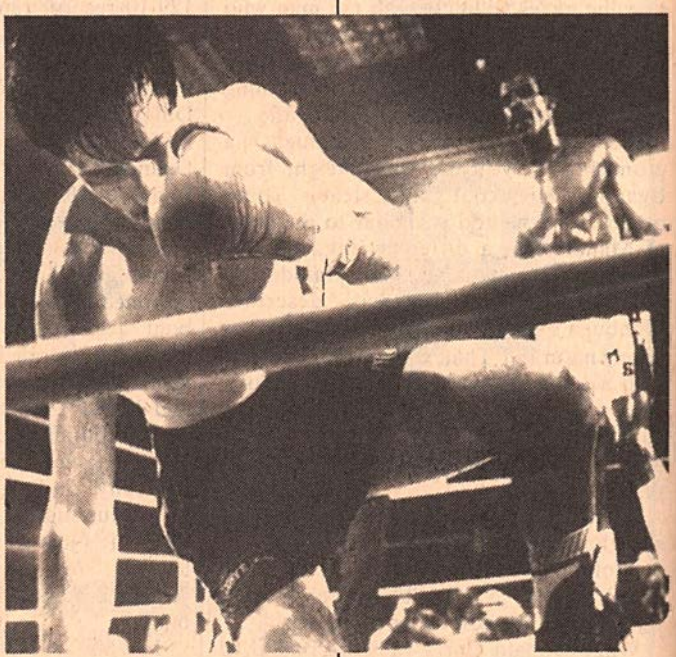
LAS VEGAS, NEV.,—Michael Spinks again proved he is a superb tactician with punishing power in both fists as he gunned down courageous but outclassed "Diamond Jim" MacDonald on a technical knockout at 1:30 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12-round title bout at the Riviera hotel-casino.

Spinks, 175, a St. Louis native fighting out of Philadelphia, was undaunted by 2,000 Marines cheering wildly for ex-Leatherneck MacDonald, 172½, in a promotion Don King designated as "D-Day Dynamite" in a salute to June 6, 1944—when American troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, France during World War II.

King pulled out all stops to hype flagging ticket sales when he invited Marine personnel as his guests from air/ground combat units in Southern California. The Marines arrived in a 38-bus high-speed convoy, with special escort by state and Metro police, from San Diego, Camp Pendleton, El Toro, and 29 Palms, California.

Although showing the true fighting spirit of the Corps, the 26-year old MacDonald found no "foxhole" to escape Spinks' rapier left jabs and vicious rights—which left his face swollen, cut and bleeding.

Spinks, 28, raising his credentials to 27-0, 19 kayoes, never lost a round. The champion dropped MacDonald, a Flint, Michigan, product now living in



Challenger Jim MacDonald shows the effects of the beating he took at the hands of light heavyweight champion Michael Spinks (background). This was MacDonald's fourth and last trip to the floor. Referee Davey Pearl stopped the fight moments later, awarding Spinks an eighth-round TKO.

Nashville, Tennessee, for the first time in the fifth round with a left and two rights to the head. The challenger, ranked seventh by the World Boxing Council, scrambled to hold on as he took three more solid rights after beating the count.

Spinks, who successfully blocked most of MacDonald's erratic flurries, dug in with a left and three more rights as the former Marine champion seemed to collapse at his feet. However, referee Davey Pearl hollered loud and clear, "It's a slip."

Before the bell, the 175-pound defender drove home two more rights and a left which wobbled MacDonald once again.

Spinks' assault in the fifth was so decisive, judge Dave Moretti marked the round 10-7 while Dalby Shirley and Lou Tabat, all of Las Vegas, had it 10-8. The latter gave the champion 10-8 ballots from the fourth through the seventh, establishing an 11-point spread.

McDonald, who lost for the first time on a 16-1, 15 KOs ledger, opened the sixth with a five-punch volley, but Spinks was elusively moving away from the punches, knocking them aside. Spinks kept the pressure on and MacDonald's sliced left eye was closing.

MacDonald was punching in game desperation opening the seventh, but Spinks artfully backed him up with three stinging jabs and a left-right to the head. The former Marine was now cut on the right brow, but Spinks missed a "kayo right" when MacDonald had his gloves down.

The crowd roared as MacDonald tried to trade with Spinks, but Michael hit him with a right and "Diamond Jim" sagged to the floor in the middle of the ring. Pearl took the battered challenger to a corner to have Dr. Don Romeo of the Nevada State Athletic Commission check the cut.

"I told MacDonald he was taking a lot of punches, but he said he was okay," Dr. Romeo recalled. "I told MacDonald if he took much more, I was going to have the referee stop it."

Pearl waved them on. There was a mild exchange at the bell, but Spinks was in the midst of a salvo, landing three lefts to the body and head, and the assembly roared in protest.

Spinks was later to explain: "I honestly didn't hear the bell. I thought MacDonald had quit because he turned and walked away. I was disappointed he didn't."

Clearly irritated that the Leatherneck alumnus had hung in so tough, Spinks came out pumping in the eighth. Michael caught his man along the ropes and fired three rights to the body. MacDonald drove home a right which appeared to unsettle Spinks briefly, but the champion surged back with a left hook, then another.

The latter landed with delayed action effect and MacDonald, tiring visibly, spun in slow-motion fashion to the canvas. With only his courage intact, "Diamond Jim" rose on unsteady feet. Pearl gave him a long look and waved the evening off. Grimacing, MacDonald put his gloves to his temples and looked at the ceiling of the SuperStar Center.

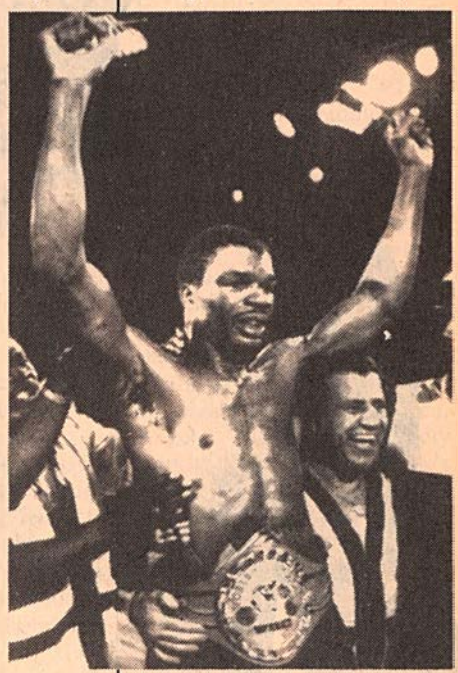
"I was ready to go a hundred rounds, but the tension was building all day," MacDonald said. "I read scriptures in my room and later ran. I was looking for the bomb, but looking for a bomb doesn't always work when you're in with a champion like Spinks. I wasn't disappointed when they stopped it, but I'd been disappointed if they stopped in the fifth round. I'd like to fight him again because after being in with number one . . . that's the worst it can be."

Spinks, tugging at MacDonald's arm as he stepped on the dias, was most gracious:

"Me and MacDonald are a lot alike . . . I prayed too," the unmarked champion smiled. "The idea of losing frightens me out of my mind, so I prayed to Jesus Christ. Jim is very good at maneuvering. I had some trouble with that. But he never dazed me. I was never standing still, so I was riding away from the punch. He never hit me solid."

Spinks, running out of worthy challengers in his division, admitted he "would like to fight Larry Holmes this year.

"I hope I can get something going with Larry," Michael smiled. "You can consider me a Leatherneck too. I'm not afraid of Larry—or weight."



Alfonzo Ratliff raises his arms in victory after taking the WBC cruiserweight belt away from Carlos DeLeon via split decision in Las Vegas.

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RATLIFF-DE LEON

WBC Cruiserweight Title

WHEN ALFONZO RATLIFF rolled into this desert oasis last June for his first fistic endeavor west of the Mississippi, the 29-year old Chicagoan promptly declared: "There's no way I'll let this opportunity slip through my fingers."

The "opportunity" was challenging Carlos "Sugar" DeLeon for the Puerto Rican's World Boxing Council cruiserweight championship over 12 rounds at the Riviera hotel-casino.

Though there doesn't appear to be a braggadocio bone in Ratliff's body, the 6-foot-5, 192-pounder lived up to his forecast—much to the regret of DeLeon, 187¾, who has now lost the titular belt twice since originally winning it from Marvin Camel in November of 1980.

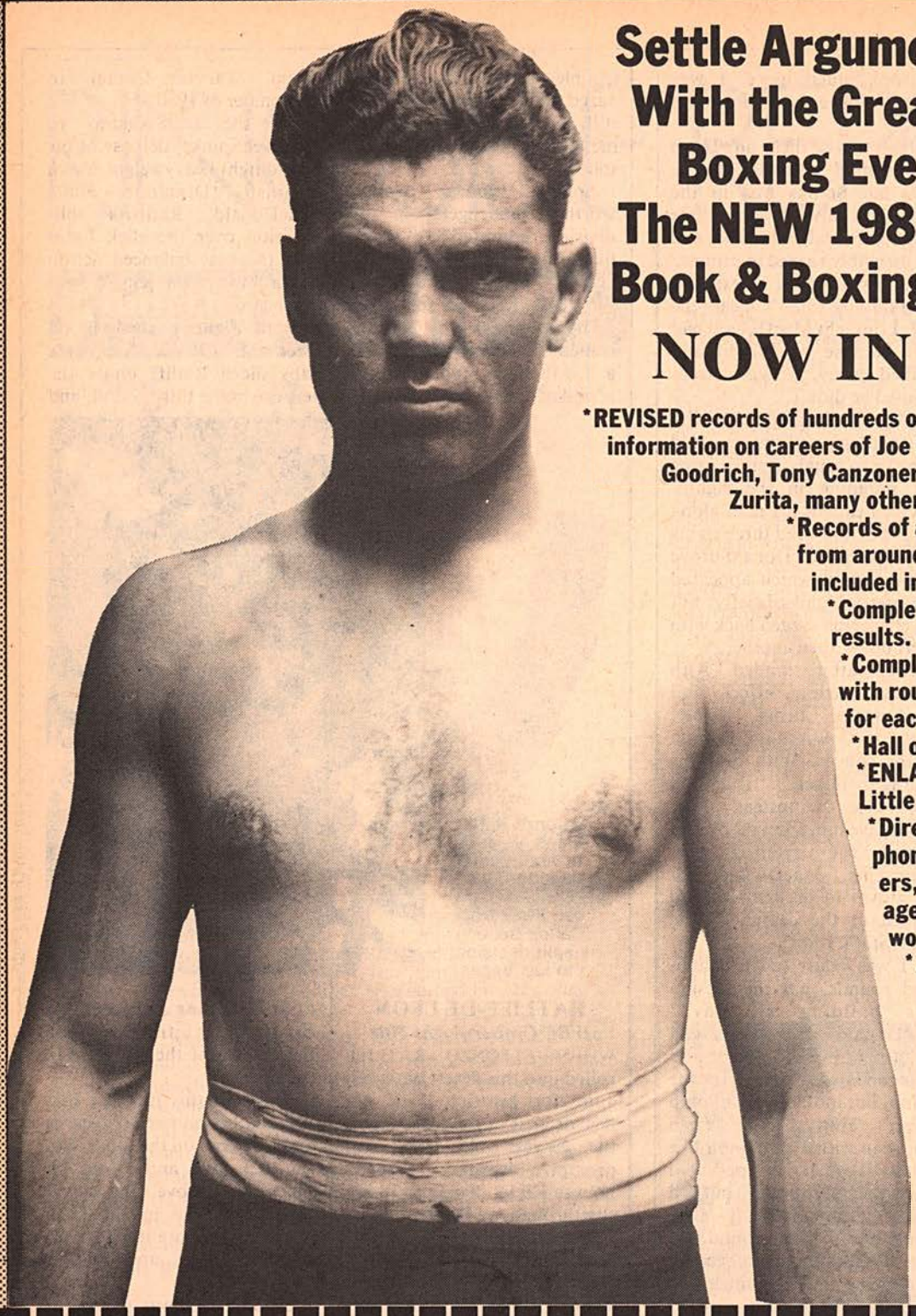
As the semi-windup to Michael Spinks' defense of his world light heavyweight crown against "Diamond Jim" MacDonald, Ratliff's split decision over the slick Latin was the best balanced action on promoter Don King's eight bout card.

Both fighters shed blood over the distance. DeLeon's jabs sliced Ratliff under the left eye in the third round, and the defending champion's combinations inflicted a cut on the outside of the right eye in the fifth.

It was at this juncture that DeLeon led on two scorecards and was even on the other. But Ratliff's jabs and rights inflicted a cut over the champion's left eye in the sixth round and before it was over, Alfonzo shook up "Sugar" with a left hook.

DeLeon, 26, was up on his toes dancing in the seventh, but he kept brushing away blood dripping into the corner of his eye. Despite his 85-inch reach, Ratliff kept missing with wild rights. Strangely, DeLeon put pressure on to back up his challenger and then suddenly hesitated.

Ratliff, whose credentials now read 20-2, 15 knockouts,



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had a good round in the eighth, scoring with combinations to the head, backing DeLeon into a neutral corner at the bell.

Ratliff put his left in DeLeon's face early in the ninth and then drove home a thudding right, opening up the champion's cut left eye again. DeLeon held sway only when he kept popping his taller rival with that jab. Carlos came off the ropes with a four-punch volley to the body which made Ratliff break off at the bell.

DeLeon came out on his toes in the tenth, but when he wrestled Ratliff into the ropes, he drew a warning from referee Carlos Padilla. Whenever DeLeon was accurate with the jab down the stretch, Ratliff would counter effectively to the body.

DeLeon, who ultimately saw his record dip to 38-2-1, 26 knockouts, appeared to need the last two rounds to save his crown. These well-conditioned rivals fought on the inside in the 11th, each taking turns with hooks and uppercuts. The 195-pound class title holder was worked into his own corner by Ratliff, but he scored well enough with combinations to the head and body.

In the final round, DeLeon was getting off light flurries when the tape on Ratliff's left glove came loose for the third time, interrupting the action. DeLeon was dancing and Ratliff pressing as the clock wound down. Both traded combinations before Ratliff dug to the body and DeLeon scored with two lefts and a right in his final surge as champion.

Awaiting the decision, Ratliff, whose only other fights outside Chicago were three bouts in Atlantic City, walked around the ring waving two small American flags.

Announcer Chuck Hull's words "split decision" was forthcoming and brought mixed reactions from ringsiders. Jerry Roth of Las Vegas voted 116-113, Ratliff, while Angel Luis Guzman of Puerto Rico saw it 117-114, DeLeon. A new champion was acknowledged when the tab of Panama's Ray Solis was revealed as 117-114, Ratliff.

"I have no bad things to say about DeLeon," Ratliff said. "I never doubted the guy's ability. He has been a great champion and I have great admiration for him. But his time has come. Now it's my time. I had no doubts about winning the championship, but I thought I'd knock him out because I have the best jab in boxing."

DeLeon, who turned pro in 1974, defended the title against Camel in 1982 and then lost it to S.T. Gordon on an upset two-round kayo June 27, 1982. "Sugar" came back to kayo former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks in six rounds Mar. 6, 1983 and regained the crown with a 12-round decision over Gordon July 17, 1983 in Las Vegas.

In three title defenses, DeLeon defeated "Yaqui" Lopez, Anthony Davis and Bash Alli before facing Ratliff.

The new champion's only defeats were to heavyweights—to former WBC champion Tim Witherspoon on a seven round kayo December 5, 1981, and current WBC king Pinklon Thomas by kayo in 10 on March 26, 1983, both in Atlantic City.

WBC lightweight champion Jose Luis Ramirez of Sonora, Mex., tuning up for a late summer defense against Hector "Macho" Camacho, had a good workout in winning an easy 10-round non-title decision over willing Manny Hernandez of Oakland, California.

Ramirez, 139½, boosting his record to 91-4, 75 KOs, cut the left eye of Hernandez, 138¾, in the seventh round, but there were no knockdowns. Hernandez, now 16-3-1, 7 KOs, made it interesting for the champion, though lacking power.

Davey Hilton, 147, Montreal, had little more than a workout before stopping Dennis Horne, 147, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in defending his Continental Americas welterweight title with a TKO at 2:59 of the second round. The bout was scheduled for 12.

The 21-year-old Hilton, now 23-0-1, 20 KOs, sized up Horne for a round and then hurt him in the second with two rights. The handsome Canadian followed with a right-left-left, sending Horner skidding across the canvas into the ropes. Once upright, Horner leaned against the ropes with his hands down and referee Richard Steele halted the bout. Horner's record fell to 30-9, 18 KOs.

Javier Suazo, 150, Tucson, Arizona, won a unanimous eight round decision over Billy Parks, 144¾, New Orleans. Suazo is 10-1, Parks 35-6, 4 knockouts.

Glenn Thomas, 151, Louisville, Kentucky, scored a third round TKO over John Borman, 153, Phoenix, in a scheduled six rounder.

Joey Roach, 115, Las Vegas, and Louis Curtis, 113, Phoenix, boxed a six-round draw.

Ernest Lee "Peanut" Curtis, 149¾, Los Angeles, registered a six-round victory over Poncho Deltoro, 150¾.
(06-06-85)

JACK WELSH

GOMEZ-LOCKRIDGE
World Junior Lightweight Title

SAN JUAN, P.R.—WILfredo Gomez pleaded with his followers during his so-so training sessions: "Don't put money on me." All the same, he was determined to come through a winner in his battle with WBA junior lightweight champion Rocky Lockridge in Roberto Clemente Coliseum.

He had disappointed his people by losing the WBC featherweight title to Azumah Nelson—a humiliating defeat due in part to a deficient training program and a lifestyle not in concord with the rigorous demands of boxing.

The feeling after the Nelson loss was that Gomez should call it quits. Gomez felt differently. "I want to regain the prestige I once had by winning a third title. It means a lot to me. I want to show my people."

The man behind this junior lightweight title bout was Pepe Cordero, the WBA kingmaker, who negotiated a $55,000 payoff to number one contender Alfredo Layne. Layne agreed to step aside, thus clearing the way for a Gomez-Lockridge contest.

And, despite a strong protest from the Lockridge camp—headed by Lou and Dan Duva—Cordero managed to get the officials he wanted for the fight. Two of the judges were Panamanians; Gomez, who had his first pro fight in Panama City, has called that Central American country his "second home."

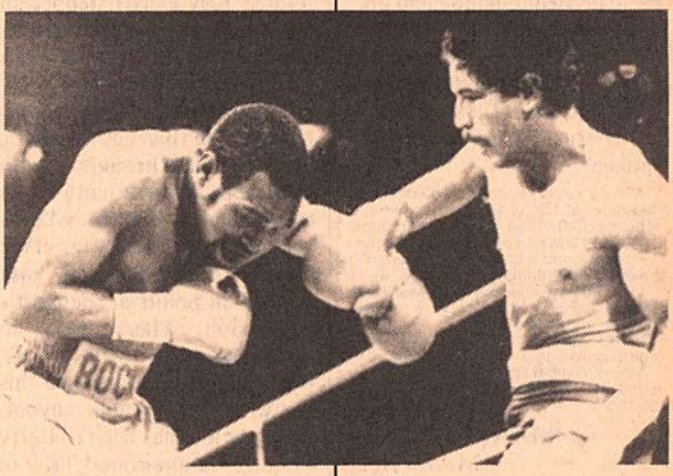
The end result was that the hometown favorite won.

Lockridge also lost because he started slowly and closed slower. In the middle sessions, he was monumental.

Gomez was in serious difficulty in the middle of the fight, especially in round 10, when he was rocked by right hands to the head. He reeled, gasping for breath, and it looked like the experts' predictions were about to be fulfilled. The pace was beginning to tell on the older challenger.

Gomez got a breather when his shoelaces became untied. Angelo Dundee, a likely culprit, was in Wilfredo's corner, but some people claim that it was the work of Hector (Macho) Camacho—as close to the Gomez corner as any of the seconds.

Wilfredo Gomez (right) catches Rocky Lockridge with a right to the head in the late going of their controversial match in San Juan. Gomez rallied down the stretch to win the WBA junior lightweight belt via a majority decision.



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Both Camacho and Dundee proclaimed their innocence. "It wasn't me. I just kept telling him to stick and move and not get caught in the corners," a jubilant Camacho said after the fight.

Be that as it may, Gomez survived. Lockridge gradually lost stamina in the closing heats, and even Dan Duva's continuous pleas for him to go to the body seemed to be of no avail. Far behind on points, the Puerto Rican took advantage of the younger fighter's loss of steam. Stimulated by 10,000 voices shouting "Gomez! Gomez!" in unison, Wilfredo took the 12th, 13th, and 14th rounds. He needed the 15th, but most observers felt he didn't win it. "We took the last round, which would have meant a draw decision for us, but they didn't give it to us," Dan Duva complained.

The official scoring was as follows: Guy Jutras (Canada), 144-144; Humberto Rodriguez (Panama), 145-144; Marcos Torres (Panama), 146-142. A majority decision win for Gomez.

Lockridge was graceful in defeat. "Gomez is a great champion, and I give him all the credit in the world. I think the heat affected me in the closing stages of the fight."

Will the Duvas protest the decision? "What for?" said Dan. "It'd only be a waste of time. But Rocky will kayo Gomez in a return."

Gomez, however, is considering retirement. He has been advised to hang them up.

"I owe this title to Pepe Corder," said Wilfredo, "and no matter how I feel, if Pepito wants me back, I'll be back."

No truer words were ever spoken.

Alfredo Layne, Panama, TKO'd Tomas Rodriguez at 1:36 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Wiso Fernandez, referee. Layne is in line for a shot at Gomez.

Former world bantamweight champion Julian Solis outpointed David Capo, 10.

Luis Pizzaro knocked out Dominican Ramon Diaz with a right cross in the first round of a scheduled eight.

Victor Aponte outscored Lis Rivera, eight, lightweights.

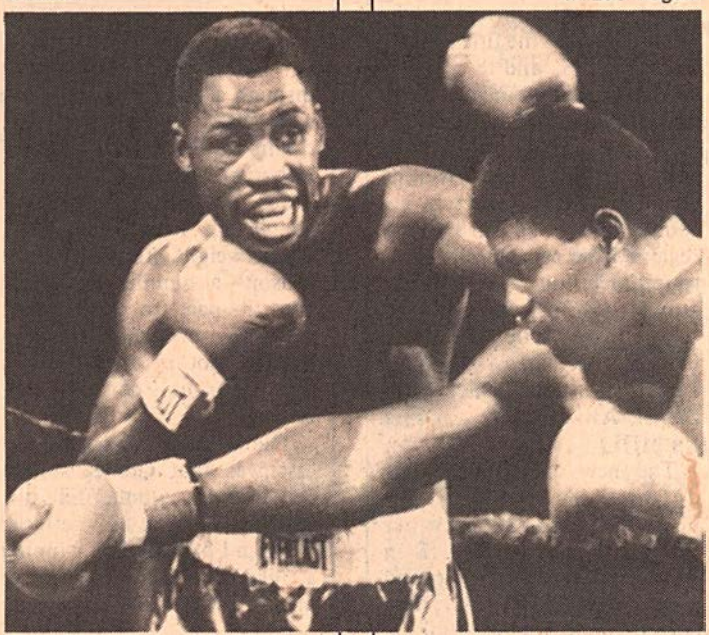
Morris Gautier TKO'd Efrain Cotto in round two, feathers.
(05-19-85)

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

FRAZIER-TILLIS

RENO, NEV.—MARVIS Frazier, 208½, doesn't have the punch his father displayed during his reign as world heavyweight champion, but Papa Joe had to be proud of the way the 22-year-old Philadelphian rallied to win a unanimous 10-round decision over James (The Fighting Cowboy) Tillis, 210, Tulsa, on the undercard of the Larry Holmes-Carl Williams title card at the Lawlor Events Center.

Marvis Frazier (left) overcame a rocky start to win a 10-round decision over James (Quick) Tillis in Las Vegas.



Tillis no longer calls himself "Quick," but he reverted back to his familiar lethargy after hurting young Frazier in the second round. Marvis was rocked with combinations, hooks, and uppercuts in Tillis' biggest flurry of the fight, but referee Joey Curtis stepped in with a standing eight-count—the reprieve that sent Frazier on his way to victory.

Frazier, with Joe in his corner, got his act together, pressing Tillis throughout with left hooks and overhand rights to the head and body. Marvis took command for keeps in the fourth round, and was an easy winner on points at the bout's conclusion. There were no knockdowns.

Frazier thus improved his log to 14-1 with eight kayoes. His only loss has been to Larry Holmes—a one-round TKO in the Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion on November 25, 1983. Tillis' record dipped to 31-6 with 24 knockouts.

Being 33 years old doesn't bother Bobby Chacon one iota. The perennial threat to world honors kept his hopes for yet another title shot alive by stopping Reno's Davey Montana at 2:19 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Chacon, 136, the former WBC featherweight and super featherweight champion, improved his credentials to 56-7-1—picking up his 46th knockout when he drove the 21-year-old Montana into a neutral corner with combinations to the head and left him face down on the canvas from a right uppercut. Montana lay motionless as referee Joey Curtis counted him out.

Montana, whose log fell to 16-4 with 13 kayoes, came out swarming in the first two rounds—bullying and pushing Chacon into the ropes. Bobby called on all his expertise to slip many of the punches and countered sharply to the head and body. The flamboyant Oroville, Calif., veteran began to take charge in the third round, showing flashes of his former brilliance with sharp combinations.

"He's got a slugger's future," Chacon said of young Montana. ". . . I won't say anything better about him."

Eddie Gregg, 216½, New York, may have given Randall (Tex) Cobb, 230½, Orange, Texas, some thoughts about retirement when he knocked him down in the ninth round en route to a unanimous decision, 10.

Gregg, who improved to 22-1-1 with 10 kayoes, caught Cobb off balance with a right hook, and the Texan tried to break his fall by grabbing the top rope. Cobb wasn't hurt, but Gregg was clearly in command from the fifth on, bloodying Tex's ample nose and leaving both of his eyes puffy underneath.

Cobb, now 29-6 with 20 knockouts, didn't lose his sense of humor: "I seriously believe Eddie did no damage to keep me off the cover of *Vogue*.

Phillip Brown, 215, New Orleans, scored a mild surprise when he TKO'd Rodney Frazier, 203½, Philadelphia, at 0:56 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Brown thus upped his mark to 23-1 with 10 kayoes. Frazier suffered his first loss after scoring 12 wins, 10 by knockout.

"Smokin' " Bert Cooper, 203½, Frazier's adopted son from Philly, had no trouble with 235½-pound Larry Givins of Cincinnati, knocking him down twice en route to a TKO at 2:22 of the third round in a slated six. Cooper is now 7-0—all knockouts. Givins skids to 9-17 with seven kayoes.
(05-20-85)

JACK WELSH

WATANABE-SOLANO

WBC Super Flyweight Title

TOKYO, JAPAN—SLICK punching southpaw Jiro Watanbe, 115, retained his world junior bantamweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Julio Soto Solano, also 115, Dominican Republic, before a sellout crowd in Korakuen Hall.

Watanabe, 30, a sharp counterpuncher, was making his second defense of the crown he had won by defeating WBC champion Payao Poontarat in a title unification bout on July 5, 1984. Solano, 29, the Latin American champ, had beaten Oscar Bolivar, Francisco Alvarez, and Celso Chavez.

After a slow first frame, the champ took round two with some good combos. Watanabe, however, also suffered a slight cut under the left eyebrow due to a clash of heads. He bled until round 10 as a result.

Solano came out fighting in the third, and took the session with short punches to the body. Round four was even. Watanabe found the Dominican a tougher opponent than he had anticipated, but took the next two rounds by staying at long range and boxing. The champion is 5'5½"—actually

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a little shorter than Solano.

Rounds seven and eight saw the action see-saw. In the ninth frame, the Dominican, encouraged by cornermen Adonis Torres and Luis Spada, sped up the action. He attacked the champ with solid combos, and won the frame on aggression.

Following a fairly even 10th frame, Solano came out throwing lefts and rights in round 11. The challenger was desperate. He won the round, but was unable to effectively catch Watanabe.

It had been a fairly close, but rather dull fight. Watanabe, however, showed himself a true champ in the final round. He punched without a let-up, battering the fading challenger with hard right hooks and straight lefts. Solano, who had never been knocked down, was groggy when the bell came to his rescue.

The scoring was as follows: Larry Nadayag (Philippines), 117-114; David John Gilhooly (Hong Kong), 115-113; Vince Delgado (U.S.), 120-113—all for Watanbe. Non-scoring referee David Pearl (U.S.) did an outstanding job, with warnings about butts, clinches, etc. It was a very clean fight.

"Sorry not to have kayoed Solano," said Watanabe, looking very cool. "He had an awkward style—crouching, very difficult to solve. He was tired in the last three rounds, so I tried to finish him in the 12th."

Solano was bitter. "I thought I won. I threw more punches. It was only the last session that I lost. I want a rematch." A poor loser.

Watanabe is now 24-1 with 15 knockouts. Solano is 38-6-2 with 21 kayoes.

Jiro, who wants to invade the bantamweight division and face WBC champion Daniel Zaragoza, is scheduled to defend his 115-pound title against Japanese champion Kazuo Katsuma in September. Watanabe is an excellent counterpuncher, but he needs to work on his right hand. He promised Japanese journalists that he would "make a good showing" in his next defense. We sincerely hope he will.

Eleven world title bouts (including WBA affairs) have netted Jiro an estimated $1,160,000—about $40,000 more than Yoko Gushiken's previous Japanese record. The son of a wealthy merchant, Jiro intends to retire undefeated.

Mark (Brooks) Horikoshi, 123½, knocked out Masahide Ikehara, 124, with one punch in 1:48 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. A black American who turned pro in Japan, Brooks/Horikoshi is now 6-0 with five kayoes. He's a good prospect.

Hiroyuki Yatsu, 131¾, won a close decision over veteran southpaw Joe Hayato, 130¼, eight. Yatsu, the Japanese Boxing Commission's sixth ranked lightweight, is now 12-3-1 with seven kayoes.

Ken Wakamatsu, 112, outscored Takayoshi Kamata, also 112, four.

Kazuya Kano, 121¾, outpointed Mitsuhiro Murakami, 122, in the four-round opener.

Kiyoshi Yoshii's Osaka Teiken Promotions.

WBC witness—A.R.T. Martinez (Hong Kong).

Nippon TV.

Attendance—3,000 (estimated).

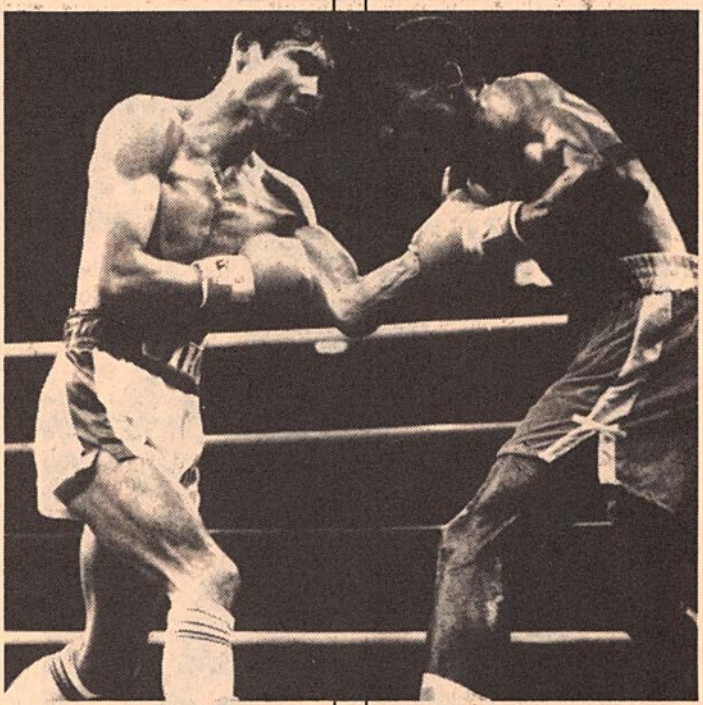
(05-09-85)

JOE KOIZUMI

CHANG-TORRES

WBC Light Flyweight Title

ULSAN, KOREA—JUNG-KOO Chang, 108, the "Korean Hawk," retained his WBC light flyweight title with a majority decision over Mexico's German Torres, also 108, after 12 hard fought rounds at the Ulsan Hyundal Gymnasium.



WBC junior bantamweight champion Jiro Watanabe (left) was hard pressed to hang on to his belt against Julio Soto Solano, but a strong last-round rally was enough to earn the Japanese titleholder a unanimous 12-round decision in Tokyo.

This was their second meeting. On September 10, 1983, Chang won a rather onesided unanimous verdict over Torres at Chungmu Gymnasium in Taejon. Torres was down twice in the 10th round of that contest; he was almost stopped. This rematch, however, was a little different.

Chang, ordinarily a puncher, used his footwork in the early rounds. The idea was to tire Torres out, but the challenger was in good shape. Referee Arthur Mercante (U.S.) took a point away from Chang in the fifth round for pulling Torres' neck down with his left.

The tide seemed to turn from one round to the next. The first session was even; Chang took the next two frames with combos to the head; round four was even, and Torres won the fifth canto with left hooks to the ribs. Jung-Koo took the sixth round, and German the seventh. The eighth was even.

Torres mounted one whirlwind rally after another, but the champion stayed on the move. Chang took the ninth and 10th frames with fast combinations.

The Korean slipped in round 11. As he went down, Torres threw a right cross to the head. The Mexican's corner yelled, "Esta es knockdown," but referee Mercante rightfully called it a slip. Torres attacked with a fury after Chang regained his feet, but the champ clinched and moved away. Torres' round.

The 12th and final session saw the two men trading punches in the center of the ring. The final scoring was as follows: Chuck Hassett (U.S.), 114-114; Lou Filippo (U.S.), 115-114, Chang; Mike Jacobs (Great Britain), 116-114, Chang.

"I was in good shape," said the Korean Hawk. "I knew his style, and I tried to make him tire himself out by throwing punches in the first few rounds. Torres was able to keep it up much longer than I thought, so I started mixing it up in the second half of the fight. I'll make a better showing in my next defense."

Mexican cornerman Tony Torres angrily protested the decision, insisting that Chang's visit to the canvas was a knockdown.

Chang is now 27-1 with 12 knockouts. Torres, six years his senior at 28, is 48-8-1 with 40 kayoes.

The champion, a proud man, may give Torres a return.

Korean junior welterweight champion Kyung-Dok Ahn, 139¼, retained his crown by halting Ki-Joung Park, also 139¼, at 0:52 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Ahn is now 17-0 with nine kayoes.

WBC witness—Jose Sulaiman.

Hanjin Promotions. KBS TV.

(04-27-85)

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH

JAKE LA MOTTA

The "Raging Bull" Speaks His Mind —On Everything From His Election To The Hall Of Fame To The Law Of Karma

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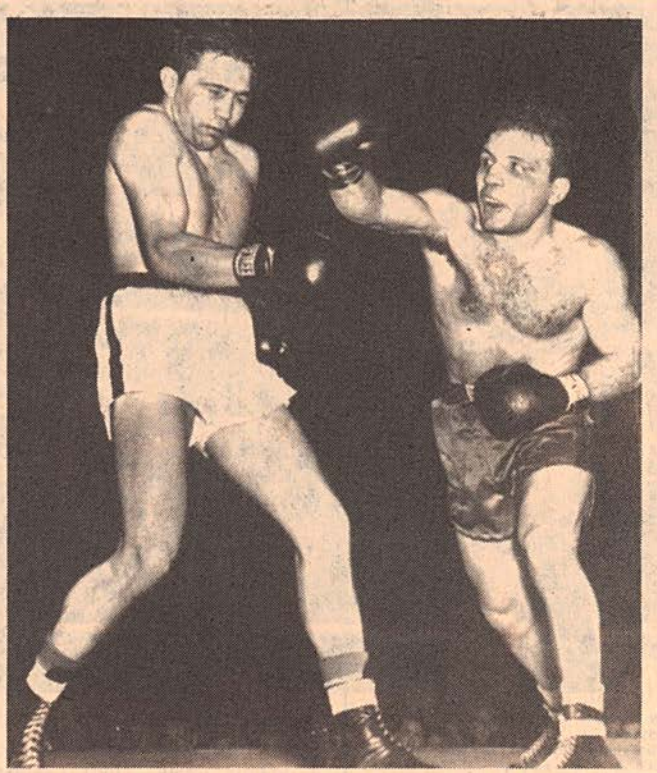

Jake LaMotta threw himself at his opponents with such total abandonment that somebody once said he fought like he felt he didn't deserve to live. And despite the fact that LaMotta was among the very best middleweights (he was the very first to beat the incomparable Sugar Ray Robinson as a pro) in an era overflowing with excellent 160-pounders, he has, until now, been denied his rightful place among boxing's greatest heroes.

As the story goes, Jake refused to sign up with the "establishment" of his day (read Mob). He wanted to conduct his entire career the same way he entered the squared circle—alone. According to Jake's version, for the first six years of his career, he spurned every overture to join the "clique." Then, with time running out, he finally caved in and agreed to throw a fight to "Blackjack" Billy Fox in return for a promised crack at the middleweight title. LaMotta lived up to his end of the dirty deal, and so did the Mob. The "Raging Bull" got his shot, and on June 16, 1949, LaMotta won the world championship when the popular and talented Frenchman, Marcel Cerdan, failed to answer the bell for the 10th round.

Jake didn't hold on to the belt very long, and after two defenses, lost the title to his old nemesis, Sugar Ray Robinson. After that, it was one long downhill slide back into the gutter that had spawned him. LaMotta reached bottom when he was convicted on a pimping rap that put him on a Florida chain gang for six months. But LaMotta is nothing if he isn't a fighter. And he fought his way back, telling his story in both the highly successful book and a motion picture that takes their titles from Jake's *nom de guerre*.

I had seen Jake many times before he came to *The Ring* office for this interview. First, in those grainy, old black and white movie clips that document his savage ring deeds. Then later, when he became fashionable enough again to be introduced from the ring before big fights. But this was the first opportunity for a face-to-face. He still appears much the same as in his fighting days. His hair is gray and thinning, and he's probably 10 pounds, or so, over his best fighting weight. But there's a sparkle in his eyes, and when he speaks in that low, rumbling growl of his, you can still imagine him telling some punk mobster to go shove it.

LaMotta pulled no punches in his interview. He's a man who knows who he is, what he has been, and makes no bones about it. For that, if nothing else, it's hard not to like him.

Left: Jake LaMotta (right) lands a right to the head of Dick Wagner during a 1950 non-title bout won by Jake via a ninth round TKO.

RING: Despite the fact that the man you beat for the middleweight title, Marcel Cerdan, was enshrined in the Hall of Fame back in 1962, you never received enough votes from the sportswriters to be elected among the Modern Group. Why do you think you were snubbed for over 20 years?

LA MOTTA: I guess the main reason was the Billy Fox thing. That was something that was a detriment to boxing. But they (the writers) should have understood the reason behind it. They never really did their homework, or they would have understood why I did it. I defied the Mafia all my life. I went to the Kefauver committee and explained the whole thing to them. Although it was past the statute of limitations, I did explain it to them. I was the uncrowned champ for five years. Nobody wanted to give me a shot. I was on my own. I managed myself. My brother was a front for me, but I made all the decisions. I had money. At that time, it was considered a lot of money. I had a beautiful wife, a family, everything I wanted. But time was running out. I was getting a little too old. I wasn't as good as I used to be. I had to make a decision. Either I lose this fight on purpose, or I don't get a chance for the title. They offered me $100,000. I turned it down. I didn't need the money. All I wanted was a chance to fight for the championship. Senator Hart, from Michigan, came up to me after it (the Kefauver hearings) was all over and said, 'Jake, you was on the spot. If I were you, I wouldn't know what to do either in a case like that.'

RING: Do you feel that there was a certain amount of hypocrisy among the writers who have refused to acknowledge your greatness in the ring?

LA MOTTA: Let me explain something to you. Most of these guys were taking money themselves. I was paying them. I paid a lot of these guys because it was the thing to do at that time. They took my money and they still knocked me. Some of the guys in the Hall of Fame . . . I could have fought two or three of them on the same night. And beat them. Let them without sin cast the first stone.

RING: Your book *Raging Bull* hardly paints a flattering portrait of you. How much of it was true?

LA MOTTA: Everything when you put it in a book is exaggerated. But, more or less, it's 90 percent true.

RING: What about some of the mobsters like Nicky, who was always trying to get you to sign up with the mob. Was he a real person?

LA MOTTA: He was a composite of two or three different guys. He wasn't one particular guy.

RING: The movie version of the book was a huge success. How did you like the movie?

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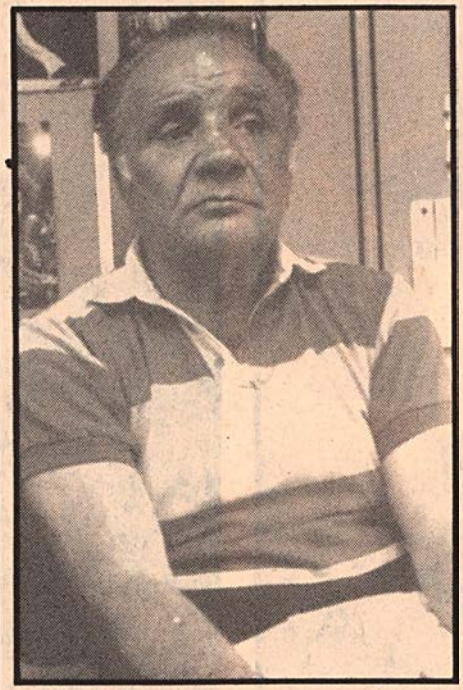

LA MOTTA: I didn't like the movie the first couple of times I saw it because they only showed the bad part of me. They never showed the good part. Even Hitler loved his dog. You know what I mean? But after I saw it a few more times, I realized that the acting was so great. I didn't like the character I was seeing on the screen because I'm not that guy anymore. I was a little like Dr. Jeckll and Mr. Hyde. When I was involved with the boxing business I was one character. When I was home with my kids I was a different character.

RING: Did this split personality affect you later in life to any degree?

LA MOTTA: After my career was over, I was frustrated. I was still two characters and I had to get rid of one of them. That's why I was frustrated. Before, I used to take it out on my opponents. Then, I started taking it out on my wives.

RING: Both the book and the movie portrayed you as something of a madman. Was your temper really that bad?

LA MOTTA: That was exaggerated. I mean, I was a jealous guy and I belted my wives a couple of times. But if I really belted them, they wouldn't have been alive. As a matter of fact, it is easier for me to hit (a woman) than you. I know how to hit. But the average guy who hits his wife don't know how. I know. I could give one punch and they could die. So actually, I wasn't as vicious as they portrayed in the movie. But for (the sake of) drama, they wanted to bring it out.

RING: Throughout your book, you refer to yourself as a "bum" and a "slob." Why did you feel that way about yourself?

LA MOTTA: For 11 years, I thought I'd killed this guy. I didn't give a crap about nobody (when I fought). I would fight anybody. I didn't care who they were. I even wanted to fight Joe Louis. I just didn't care. I went in there with that devil-may-care (attitude). But that made me win. It gave me an aggression that my opponents never saw before. They would hit me. I didn't care if I got hit. But when I found out that the guy (I thought I'd killed) was alive, I wasn't the same fighter I was before. After that I started losing something with each fight.

RING: Do you think most good fighters have a natural mean streak?

LA MOTTA: I'll explain that. How can I be a nice guy today? That must have been my feeling all along. I conditioned myself to be like that. I think most guys (fighters) are like that. It's like when they train these war dogs. They'll take a dog. People donate their dog; German Shepards, or what have you. And they train these dogs to be vicious. But after so long, when the war is over, they have to give these dogs back to whoever gave 'em to them. Now they have to recondition the dog. So they tell the dog to attack, and bing, they pull back on the chain. Now the dog is saying to himself, 'Everytime they told me to attack and I did, they used to pet me. Now what's happening?' The dog is confused. With me, when I quit fighting, I needed someone with a chain. So I did it myself. I went to the chain gang. I went to the hole. I said to myself, 'From champ of the world to this. How low can I get? I gotta do something.' So I go up two steps, down one. Up two steps, down one. It took me a number of years to understand that you have no alternative in life but to do the proper thing if you want to be healthy and happy. Digest that for a second. That's a very important statement I just made.

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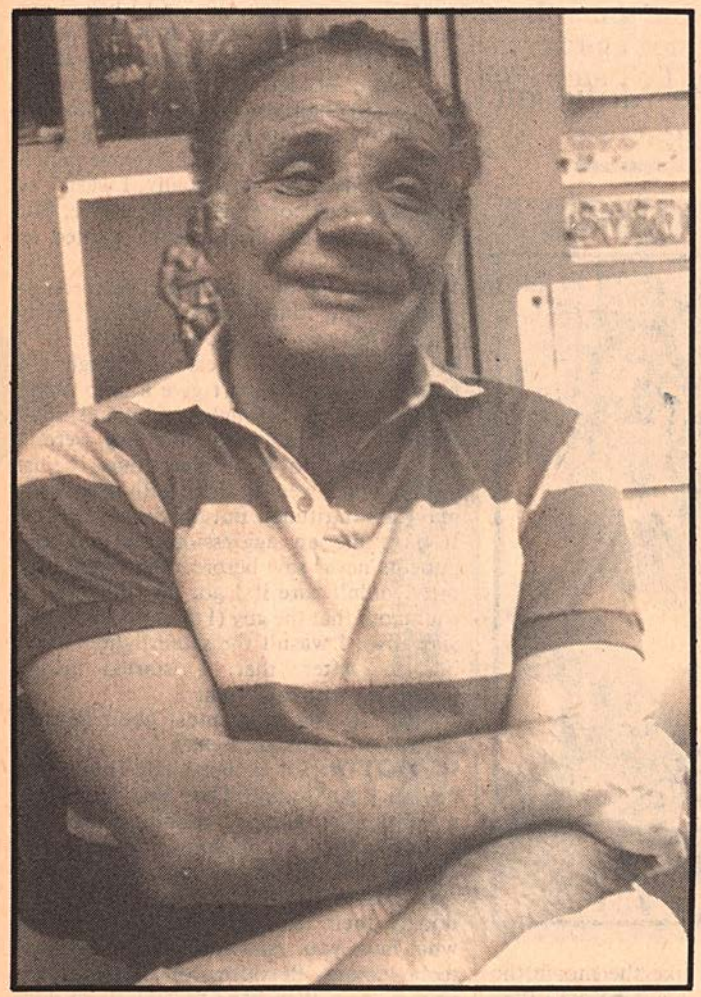

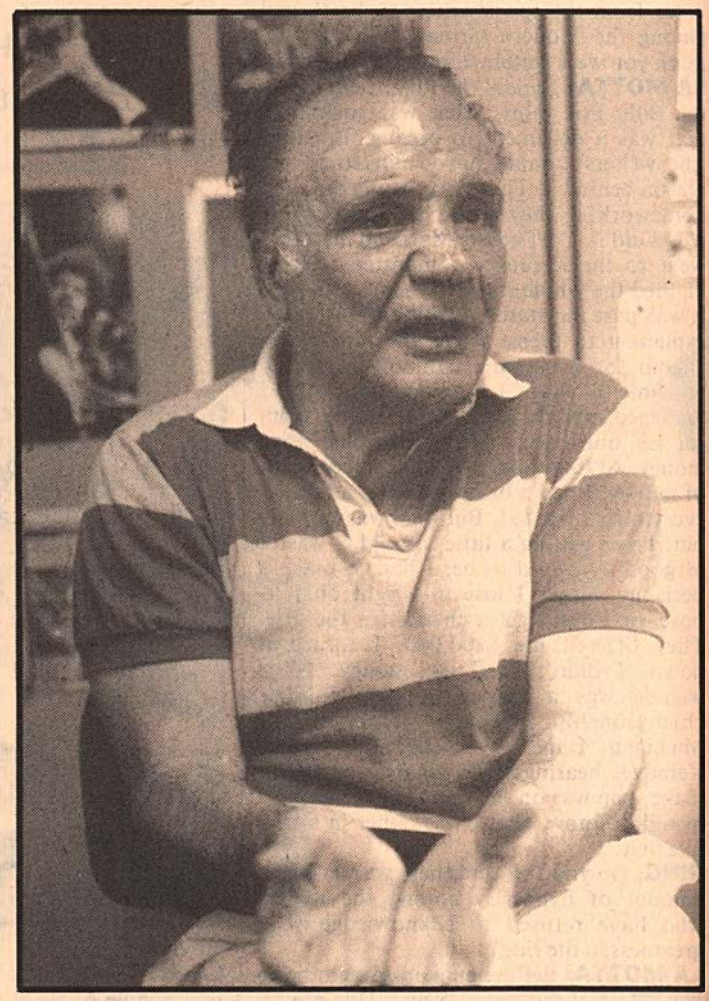

RING: Tell us a little about your life today.
LA MOTTA: I make a living out of being a stand-up comic and making public appearances. I was doing it 25 years ago. I wasn't too good then, but I've improved. I've gone from one extreme to the next, from the sublime to the ridiculous. From being a fighter and hurting people, to making a living making people laugh. My biggest pleasure in life is making people laugh. Maybe God is trying to tell me something. But I haven't figured it out yet.
RING: You fought in an era that produced perhaps the greatest middleweights in boxing history. Guys like Sugar Ray Robinson, Marcel Cerdan, and yourself. How would current champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler have fared in your day?
LA MOTTA: He would have been a contender. He would have been up there. But there was a lot of champions better than him. I'm not trying to take anything away from him (Hagler) because there's nobody for him to fight. But when he beat Thomas Hearns, it was the first time I saw him fight that way. He had that viciousness and that devil-may-care attitude. That's exactly the way I fought.
RING: Are there any other fighters around today you fancy?
LA MOTTA: I like (John "The Beast") Mugabi. They want to match him with Hagler, but he's not ready. Maybe in another year. But the only other really good fighter I see is (Michael) Spinks.
RING: Do you think Michael Spinks stands a chance if he moves up in weight and fights Larry Holmes?
LA MOTTA: (Smile) I think he's got a shot.
RING: What about Holmes? He looked shaky in his last defense. Some fans thought Carl Williams beat him. What is your opinion?
LA MOTTA: He (Holmes) didn't deserve to lose that fight, because in my opinion, you have to really beat the champion decisively. You can't just squeak out a decision with the champion. It's not fair. To take the title away, you've gotta really beat the champ.
RING: Do you think Holmes will be able to beat Rocky Marciano's undefeated record?
LA MOTTA: Destiny is a funny thing. He (Holmes) has got all the money in the world, and he's fighting amateurs, really. And now, to get that record, he might blow

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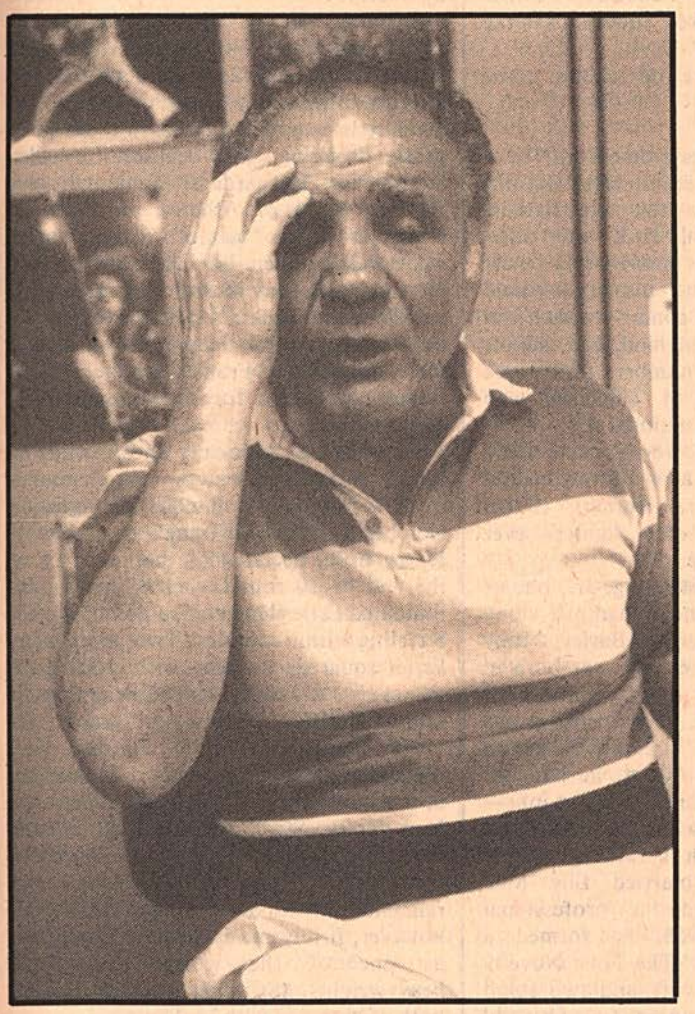

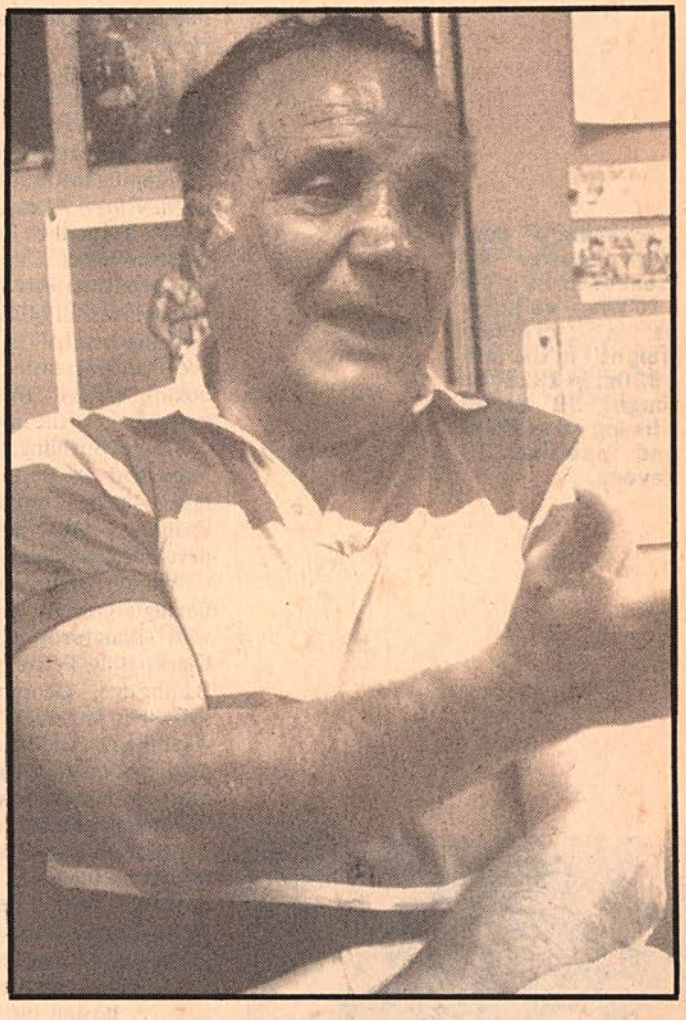

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it all. But still, if I was him, I'd try it. I would go for it.

RING: Boxing has recently been under attack from the American Medical Association. What do you think about this latest attempt to ban boxing?

LA MOTTA: Throughout the years, when somebody wanted to get their name in the paper, they used boxing as a political football. Same thing with the Kefauver committee. They made a big, big thing out of it, but nothing really ever happened. It's used to get publicity. If they want to pick on something, pick on football, pick on auto racing. I read that 40 people died hang gliding. Nobody forces you to go see a fight. Nobody forces you to fight. You have a right to do whatever you like, especially in this country.

RING: What about organized crime and boxing. Is the fight game cleaner today than when you were fighting?

LA MOTTA: Yeah, I think so. It's nowhere near like it used to be. Today, I wouldn't have been the uncrowned champ for five years. I would have got a shot right away.

RING: In the last paragraph of *Raging Bull* you said, "I wouldn't be fighting to destroy anymore, but to build. And, maybe, if I fought hard enough and long enough, I will get people to cheer me again." I was at the Hagler-Hamsho bout at Madison Square Garden last year whe you were introduced before the main event. You received a tremendous ovation from the crowd. I guess your dream of being cheered again has come true.

LA MOTTA: Yes, and it made me feel good. But the reason for that is that the American people—maybe the whole world—are for the underdog. They figured I was the underdog. You know about karma—the law of karma, cause and effect? The scales have to balance, and all that. Well, there are a lot of good things that should have happened to me. But in the end it all balances out.

RING: You've led quite an amazing life. If you had it to live over again, what would you do differently?

LA MOTTA: I wouldn't have got married (laugh). No. No. I got something out of each marriage. Teresa, my present wife, we're very compatible. Every night when we go to bed, we both get headaches at the same time. □

YOUNG STRIBLING

BY HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

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A 1978 RESEARCH PROJECT FOUND that the two "most asked" questions in the world were:

(1) "Daddy, where do babies come from?"

and . , .

(2) "Where do fighters come from?"

Skipping the first question (after all, this is *The Ring*), we can say that some fighters come from the local PAL and other amateur ranks. Others simply walk in off the ghetto streets and into four-round pro bouts. Still others come—came—from "boxing booths" in England, and there is even an increasing number from kick boxing (*Muay Thai* in Thailand) who switch over to the international style.

Young Stribling, however, came from none of these. So far as is known, he and his younger brother, Herbert (Babe) Stribling, were the only fighters ever developed in vaudeville.

William Lawrence Stribling, Jr., one of boxing's greatest "almost champs" along with Langford, Charley Burley, Elky Clark, Billy Petrolle, et. al., was born in Bainbridge, Georgia on December 26, 1904. His father, W. L. (Pa) Stribling, was what then was called a "dreamer." The son of a dry goods store owner, he had run away from home to work at various jobs—including one stint as a midway barker—at the Buffalo Exposition in 1901. Returning to Bainbridge, he married Lily Mae Braswell and became a professional photographer. In 1908, he formed a vaudeville act, called "The Four Novelty Grahams," with his wife and two small sons. A boxing bit between four-year-old William and two-year-old Herbert became an addition to the act the following spring.

After nine years of touring, the Four Novelty Grahams settled down in Macon, Georgia. The two boys entered the Alexander I elementary school, and W. L. continued his boxing lessons at the local Y.M.C.A.

Young Stribling made his pro debut at the Atlanta Auditorium on January 17, 1921, outpointing Kid Domb, "champion of Atlanta's newsboys," in a four-round contest. Stribling weighed 117 pounds for this bout, but he grew into a featherweight within four months. He was a lightweight by December.

Stribling won or drew almost all his fights, and scored his share of knockouts. (He would rack up 126 kayoes in his career, a record broken only by Archie Moore.) He actually lost only two bouts in those early years, dropping close decisions to older boys—Dick Leonard of Savannah and Battling Budd of Atlanta. In 1922, he started to face "name" fighters as a welterweight—men like Jake Abel, Red Herring, and Tony Marullo. He drew with middleweight Jackie Clark in 1923, outpointed the veteran Happy Howard, and lost a squeaker to Frank Carbone in a 10-round bout billed for the southern middleweight title.

Strib became nationally known when he fought world light heavyweight champion Mike McTigue in Columbus, Georgia, on October 4, 1923. McTigue's own referee, Harry Ertle, declared the bout a draw at the end of 10 rounds—a decision an intimidated Ertle changed to a points win for Stribling within minutes. Two hours later, Ertle squared himself with McTigue's manager, Joe Jacobs, by declaring that his original decision—a draw—still stood.

Six months later, the two men were rematched in a 12-round no decision bout at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Newark, New Jersey. Stribling decked McTigue in the 10th frame and got the unofficial "newspaper decision," but the crown remained in Mike's hands. This fight, however, firmly entrenched the 19-year-old as one of the world's top light heavyweights. (Stribling weighed 165 for both of his bouts with McTigue.)

Stribling's critics point out that his knockouts were scored over second raters, and that he "fell down" in the big contests. There is some truth in both the allegations. W.L. scored knockout after knockout over "ham-and-eggers" with his "buckshot" punch—a right to the jaw following a double (left-right) feint. Stribling could hit hard for a light heavyweight, but lacked the "killer instinct." In the fourth round of his 10-rounder with Jack Sharkey in February, 1929, Strib nailed the ex-sailor with a solid right to the heart. Sharkey reeled into the ropes, obviously staggered. "Had Strib followed up with another similar punch, he

would have had me out for good," Jack told Grantland Rice. "The blow really hurt me and I fell in to grab him. But Strib beat me to it by grabbing me and holding on until I had regained my breath and was ready to go on. Had our positions been reversed, I could—in fact, I would—have murdered him." (Sharkey got the decision, although seven leading sportswriters at ringside scored the bout for Stribling.) Jim Corbett said that Stribling "could both box and punch, and was the best feinter I ever saw, barring none. He knew every trick a ringman could possibly know and he could feint the cagiest boxers off balance and out of position. I told Strib that all he had to do was to feint 'em and then nail 'em. But he preferred to feint, let 'em miss and recover. I never could understand it, unless he just didn't like to hurt people."

He always seemed to lose "the big ones." Given a light heavy title shot at champ Paul Berlenbach in 1926, Strib overtrained and failed in the later rounds; it was one of his poorest efforts. Stribling got a crack at the world heavyweight title on July 3, 1931 in Cleveland, losing to champion Max Schmeling on a TKO in the 15th and final round. (Referee George Blake stopped the bout with only 14 seconds remaining. When criticized, Blake said he was "a referee, not a timekeeper.") It is not true, however, that Strib never beat a first class fighter. During his career of almost 13 years, Young Stribling triumphed over such standouts as Jimmy Slattery, Johnny Risko, Maxie Rosenbloom (twice), and Tommy Loughran (twice). He also drew with Berlenbach. All, except for Risko, have been in the Hall of Fame for years.

Stribling's punching power increased as he grew into what we know as a "cruiserweight" in the late 1920s. In 1928, he fought 38 bouts, winning all of them and scoring 33 kayoes. Included in his victims was Martin Burke, a well known tough campaigner who had gone the distance with Gene Tunney twice a few short years before. Stribling also fought Burke twice—scoring one-round kayoes in both bouts. In 1929, Strib knocked out Sully Montgomery, Tony Fuente, and George Cook, among others, and in 1930, he put away heavyweight contenders Jack DeMave (1), Otto Von Porat (1), Phil Scott (2), and K.O. Christner (3). Hardly second raters.

All through his career—aside from one brief stint under Walk Miller—Young Stribling was managed exclusively by his father. Many criticized this, but "Pa" would never consent to hand his son over to a true professional like Ray Arcel or Jimmy DeForest. Indeed, "Ma" Stribling supervised a good part of his training, holding the watch during her son's sparring sessions and taking him out for his roadwork. Only the commissions prevented "Ma" from working her son's corner.

Stribling had the looks of a movie star. Away from the ring, he rarely talked of boxing. His favorite subjects were always basketball (he was a star player in high school) and flying. His parents had their hearts in their mouths whenever Strib went up in a plane, but breathed a sigh of relief when he took up riding a motorcycle. They didn't think that was as dangerous as flying.

But they were wrong. On Sunday morning, October 1st, 1933, the 28-year-old Stribling rode his motorcycle to the Idle Hour Country Club about four miles from downtown Macon to get in a round of golf. On the way back, he was struck by a car.

Strib's left foot was virtually severed at the ankle. Early in the morning of October 3rd, Young Stribling died. He was 28 years old, and had engaged in a total of 286 professional contests, winning 222 (126 by kayo, 93 on points, and three on fouls), losing 12 (nine on points, two on fouls, and one by TKO), with 14 draws, 36 no decisions, and two no contests.

For decades, the state of Georgia has boasted of three great athletes—Ty Cobb in baseball, Bobby Jones in golf, and Young Stribling in boxing. Cobb was the first man elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Jones has been in the Golf Hall of Fame for years.

Young Stribling, King of the Canebrakes, is now in the Boxing Hall of Fame. Rest easy, Strib. And Pa. And Ma. And Herbert. □

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MANUEL ORTIZ

IN 1984, THE INTERNATIONAL BOXing Research Organization (IBRO) polled its members to decide which "old time" fighters not yet in the Hall of Fame deserved to be elected. The man receiving the most votes was Manuel Ortiz.

That is not entirely surprising. Ortiz, after all, is still a part of "recent history," having campaigned as a pro from 1938 to 1955. And he *did* defend the world bantamweight crown a record 19 times in two titular reigns. He *should* be in the Hall of Fame.

Ortiz was born of Mexican extraction in Corona, California, on July 2, 1916. A truck driver at the age of 19, Manuel attended a small amateur fight card in Brawley, Calif. When one of the scheduled boxers failed to arrive, Ortiz was persuaded to fight Bobby Hager.

Hager, an outstanding amateur, was decked 17 times!

Ortiz was a fighter from that evening on. He went into training, won the Southern California amateur flyweight title, and topped that by winning the National Golden Gloves championship in Boston.

Manuel turned professional in 1938, losing a four-rounder to Detroit southpaw Benny Goldberg in his first paid bout. From that point on, Ortiz fought the best. In his first year of competition, he faced men like Pablo Dano, Richie Lemos, David (Kui Kong) Young, and Bernie Reyes. He beat Lemos twice.

Ortiz lost a few fights, but stayed busy. On March 14, 1939, he halted Jackie Jurich, the "Rose of San Jose," in round seven of a scheduled 10 in the latter's hometown. A 10-round draw with Little Dado and another victory over Jurich made Manuel a contender.

Ortiz won the world bantamweight title twice—outpointing Lou Salica over 12 rounds at the Hollywood Bowl on August 7, 1942 and stopping him in the 11th frame of a scheduled 15-rounder at the Auditorium in Oakland on March 10, 1943. The New York State Commission did not recognize the first bout as a title fight because it was only a 12-rounder. Shades of the 1980s?

For the first three years of Manuel's pro career, his manager was Noel Johnson. In 1941, when their contract expired, Ortiz signed with Tommy Farmer. Tommy co-managed Jackie Jurich with Johnny Rogers, but Manuel's second victory over Jackie convinced him that Ortiz was the bantam of the future.

Farmer and Ortiz were close. Tommy managed Manuel, coached him, cooked his meals, lived with him during training, seconded him, and acted like a mother hen. He also changed Ortiz's diet.

"Ortiz was stuffin' himself with tamales and frijoles and that other hot stuff," Farmer said. "And that ain't good grub for a fighter. Steaks, chops they need—and pretty soon I had Manuel eatin' nothin' else. Put strength in him instead of just heat."

Ortiz had a chin of concrete. In more than 125 pro fights, the only man to stop him was Manny Ortega—an eighth round TKO in El Paso, Texas, on October 15, 1947. By then, Ortiz was 31 and had been in more tough scraps than any three fighters see in this era. In 1943, his first year as world champ, he defended his crown eight times, beating Kenny Lindsay, Georgie Frietas, Lou Salica, Lupe Cardoza, Joe Robleto (twice), Leonardo Lopez, and Benny Goldberg—the same man who had licked him in his first pro fight in 1938.

What makes his record even more amazing is that Ortiz went into the Army during World War II. While he continued to engage in pro fights, Manuel's ring activity was understandably curtailed. He was inactive during most of 1945.

On January 6, 1947, Ortiz lost his title to the quick and youthful Harold Dade on a unanimous decision after 15 rounds at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. Two months later, Ortiz regained the title by outpointing Dade at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Ortiz's first defense during his second reign as champ came against Kui Kong Young at Honolulu Stadium on May 30, 1947. He won via a split decision, and it was apparent that the great Ortiz was slipping. He was still good enough, however, to beat Tirso Del Rosario and score an eighth round TKO over Memo Valero in his next two title defenses. His 19th defense was a unanimous decision over future world flyweight champion Dado Marino in the latter's backyard, Honolulu.

That was on March 1, 1949. For the remainder of that year, Ortiz fought non-title bouts. Finally, on May 31, 1950, Manuel agreed to defend against South African Vic Toweel in Johannesburg.

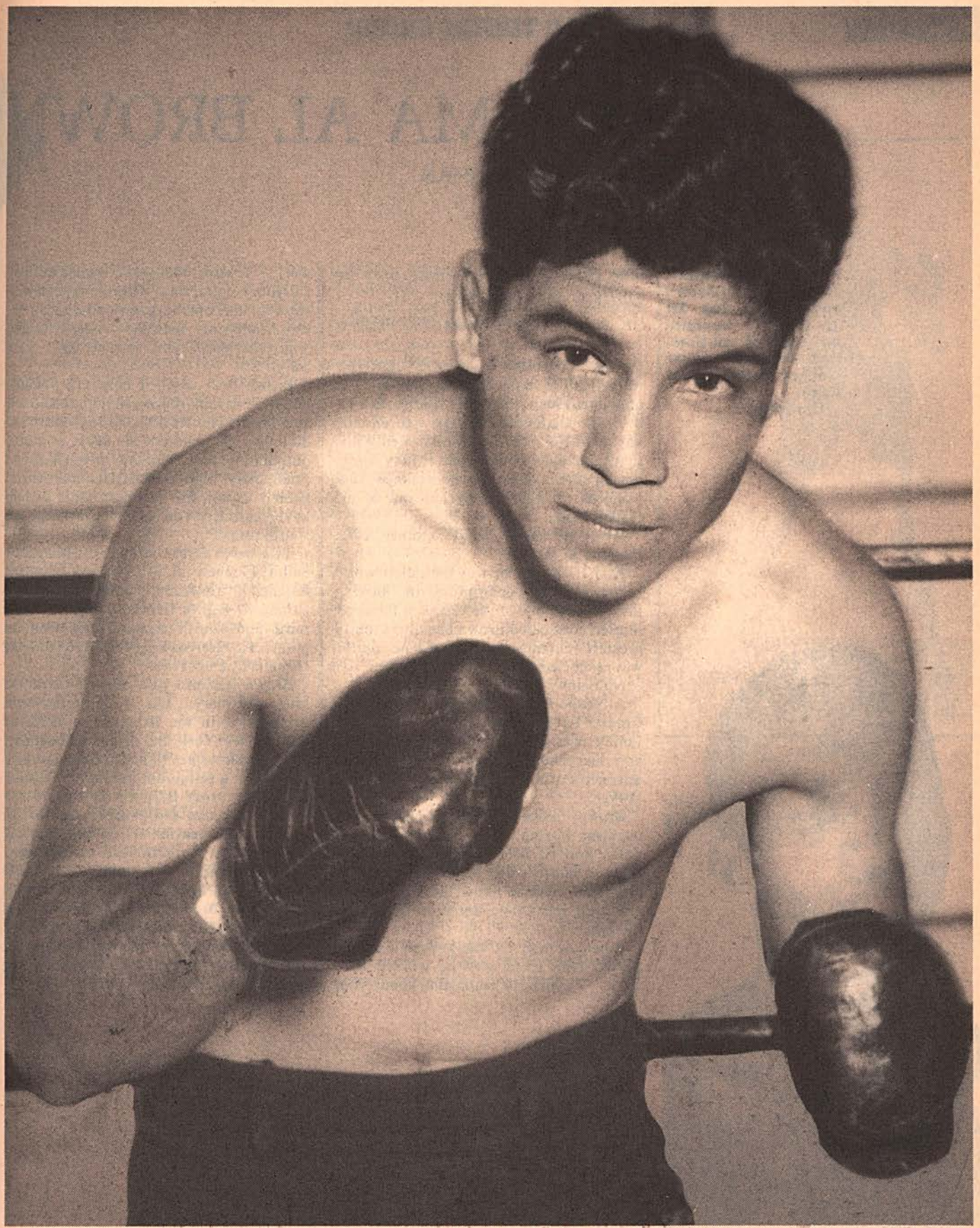
Toweel, more than 12 years younger, won on points.

Ortiz was out of action for more than five months. On November 10, 1950, he returned to the ring, outpointing Jackie McCoy in a 10-round bout in Hollywood. But Ortiz was now 34, and he was through. He lost five of his next half dozen fights and quit.

Manuel should have been able to live comfortably for the rest of his life. At one time, he owned a 600-acre farm in the richest valley in California, as well as a ranch and a night club in the El Centro Valley. He soon lost everything, however, and was forced to make at least two comebacks—halting Manuel Hernandez in six rounds in Mexicali on March 6, 1953 and winning three out of four fights in Mexico in 1955, when he was almost 49. From then until he died, of a liver ailment in El Centro, Calif., on May 31, 1970, Ortiz supported himself by working at odd jobs.

"It's a real shame," said Farmer. "He was a great little fighter. He made a lot of money in those days but he spent it all."

Ortiz, however, left behind the record of his greatness—127 total bouts, with 95 wins (49 by kayo, 46 on points), 29 losses (28 on points and one by TKO) and three draws. Welcome, Manuel, to the Hall of Fame. □



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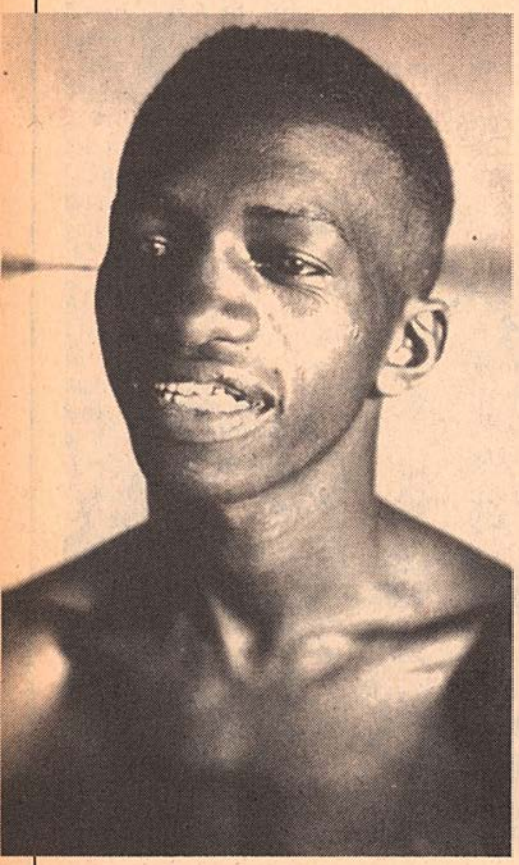

The Boxing Hall of Fame may be guilty of discrimination.
It is probably anti-height.

SANDY SADDLER WAS NOT ELECTED to the Hall of Fame until 14 years after he announced his retirement. Saddler, a 5 ft. 8½ in. featherweight, had scored 103 kayoes in 162 total bouts and beaten Willie Pep three out of four times. Many times, during the 1960s, Sandy claimed that "prejudice" was keeping him out of the Hall of Fame.

We now have found another case. Panama Al Brown.

At 5 ft. 11 in., he was the tallest world bantamweight champion in boxing history—and one of the best. Nat Fleischer himself considered Brown one of the top 10 greatest bantamweights of all-time. But he was never elected to the Hall of Fame.

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Alfonso Teofilo Brown was born in Colon, Panama, on July 5, 1902. His family was poor, but Brown finished grammar school and got a clerical job in an attorney's office. His goal was then to be a lawyer.

Brown, however, had a passion for pugilism. Boxing was then big in the Canal Zone, and Al often watched bouts held between marines and sailors. He went to pro fights, service fights, amateur fights, and even spent time watching fighters in the gym.

When Al was 17, the lawyer who employed him asked why he worked as a clerk. "There's no complaint about your work," he said, "but you're such a tall boy for your weight, and, with the interest you show in the boxing game, you might do well in the ring. With the proper coaching and experience, you should go a long way."

Brown then weighed only 110 pounds, and did not look rugged enough to succeed as a boxer. Nonetheless, he took his boss' hint. In 1922, he made his debut as a pro, outpointing Jose Moreno in a six-round preliminary bout at the Panama Central Club in Colon. Brown's next bout saw him kayo seasoned Young Jeff Clarke in the fourth round.

Two weeks after that, Al was in against Sailor Patchett in a 15-round bout for Patchett's "flyweight championship of the Isthmus." Brown floored the sailor in the third and fourth sessions and won on points. He received a purse of $165 and the Isthmus flyweight title.

Brown was just too tall, his reach too long, and his jab too good for flyweight competition in the Isthmus. In 1923, he went to New York. But he had no contacts, and, unable to get fights, took a job as a bus boy in a restaurant in Harlem, around the corner from Billy Grupp's Gym. At Grupp's, he met Kid Norfolk, one of the greatest light heavies of the day. Norfolk got young Al a tryout with his manager, Leo P. Flynn. "One punch, and he'd probably fall apart," Flynn said when he laid eyes on Brown, but Leo almost ate his words when Al proceeded to give Ansel Brown, a good black featherweight, what Nat Fleischer later called "a royal going over" in a workout.

Flynn did not sign Brown, but word got around and Tom Fahy soon did. Al's New York debut, against Johnny Breslin at the Metropolitan Velodrome on August 22, 1923, resulted in a four-round draw, but the Panamanian kayoed Bernie Hyams and outpointed Willie Darcey at the Commonwealth Sporting Club later in the year. Four months after beating Darcey, Brown scored a first round kayo over Willie Farley. He was on his way.

Brown fought in and around New York for the next two and a half years, beating the likes of Willie LaMorte, Willie Salter, Frankie Ash, Tommy Milton, Davey Abad, Marty Gold, Dominick Petrone, Teddy Silva, and Pete Zivic. He left for France in October, 1926, and met the best men Paris had to offer over the next year—outpointing former world featherweight champion Eugene Criqui on April 2, 1927.

In 1928, Brown went back to New York. His new manager, Dave Lumiansky of New Bedford, Mass., had powerful connections, and when the world bantamweight title—in dispute since 1927—became vacant in 1929, Al was matched against Vidal Gregorio in a 15-round championship bout at Queensboro Stadium in Long Island City. Brown won by a unanimous decision.

Panama Al reigned as world bantamweight champion for the next six years, successfully defending his crown 10 times, turning back the challenges of Johnny Erickson in New York, Eugene Huat in Paris, Pete Sanstol and Huat in Montreal, Kid Francis in Marseilles, Emile (Spider) Pladner in Toronto, Domenico Bernasconi in Milan, Johnny King in London, and Young Perez in Paris—and again in Tunis.

Brown lost his crown to Baltazar Sangchili in Valencia on June 1, 1935. Al was then almost 33—an old man for a bantamweight—and retired after Sanstol beat him in a 10-rounder in Norway. He made a comeback in 1937, rang up five straight wins, and then beat Sangchili in a 15-round affair in Paris for International Boxing Union recognition as world bantamweight king. Brown successfully defended this crown against Valentin Angelmann, but gave it up shortly thereafter. He was now 36, unable to make the bantamweight limit any longer.

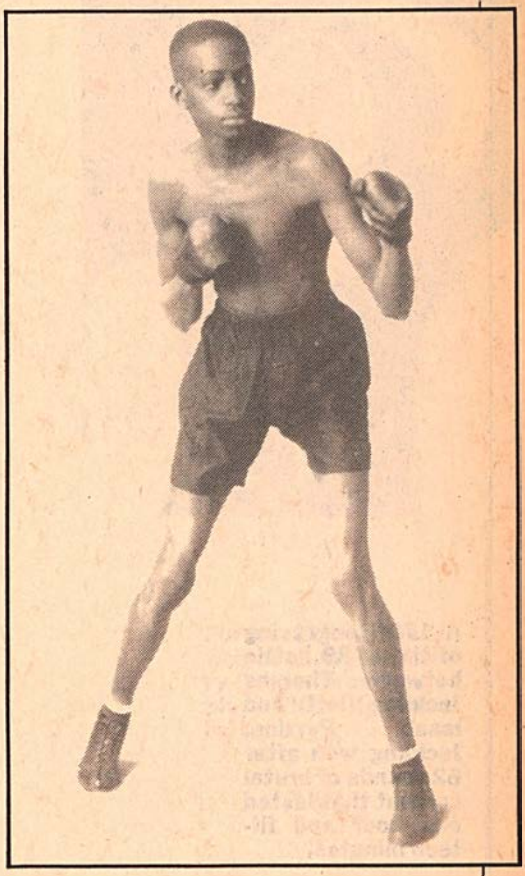
Al made another comeback in 1939, scoring two kayoes and then retiring again. His final ring appearances were in Panama in 1941-42. At the age of 40, he fought a 15-round draw with Leocadio Torres for the Panamanian featherweight title.

Brown's final pro record was 155 total bouts, with 125 victories (55 kayoes, 66 wins on points, and four wins on fouls), 20 losses (18 on points, two on fouls), and 10 draws.

For awhile, Brown fronted an orchestra on the French Riviera. He died in New York on April 11, 1951, at the age of only 48.

The Boxing Hall of Fame began elections in 1954. Had Brown lived, he would have been elected years before now. Instead, electors chose to give their votes to men who could enjoy the honor—whether they were as great as Al Brown or not.

Move over, fellows. Make way for a tall bantam with a very mean left jab. □



"There's no complaint about your work, but you're such a tall boy for you weight, and, with the interest you show in the boxing game, you might do well in the ring. With the proper coaching and experience, you should go a long way."

Photo Courtesy of Jim Jacobs

THOMAS JACKLING

THOMAS JACKLING, FOURTEENTH HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, IS THE FIRST BOXER named to the Hall of Fame in the Pioneer Group since Tom King in 1976. And, as Jake LaMotta said when told of his election, "It should have been sooner."

Jackling was the savior of prize fighting in the 1780s, lifting the game out of the muck in which it had fell twenty years before. Some historical framework is necessary.

On April 10, 1750, the renowned Jack Broughton lost the title to Jack Slack in fourteen minutes. Broughton's backer, the Duke of Cumberland, had wagered heavily on the defending champion, despite the fact that Broughton was then forty-six years old. The duke was a poor loser, and became an enemy of the sport he had fostered from that moment on.

Slack lost the title to Bill Stevens, "The Nailer," on June 17, 1760. This is when the bad times really set in. Stevens lost the title to George Meggs, "The Collier," on March 2, 1761 in boxing's first outrageous fake. "Why, Lord bless me," Stevens said to a supporter the day following his loss. "The day I fought Jack Slack I got ninety guineas (approximately $450 at the time), but I got fifty guineas more than I should otherwise have done by letting Georgie beat me. And blimey! Ain't I the same man still?"

Meggs, who couldn't fight at all, lost the title to George Millsom, a baker from Bath, on July 2, 1762. Millsom in turn lost it to Tom Juchau, "The Paviour," on August 27, 1765, and Juchau lost the crown to Bill Darts in May, 1766.

Darts, the best fighter to hold the crown since Stevens, figured in another dirty deal. In 1771, he accepted a bribe of one hundred pounds to lose the title to Peter Corcoran, a fighter with a good right hand and the first Irishman to hold the championship.

In 1776, Corcoran lost the throne to Harry Sellers, a "West Countryman" primed by the English to defeat him. Four years later, Sellers lost the crown to Duggan Fearns, an Irish boatswain, in one minute and thirty seconds of "fighting." Fears dropped out of sight after the swindle, and the crown was vacant.

Enter Thomas Jackling, a stevedore who has worked hard since early boyhood bearing heavy loads of corn from London wharves. At the age of 33, he unintentionally offends a carman-fighter named Jack Jarvis. A prizefight was arranged, and Jackling astounds everyone by winning.

That was in June, 1783. Nine months later, Jackling fights and defeats the "Croydon Drover" in twenty-seven minutes. Jackling now quits his job and gets a fight with the Stephen (Death) Oliver. The veteran Oliver fights bravely, but Jackling closes both his eyes and wins in thirty-five minutes.

Jackling claims the then vacant world heavyweight championship after that fight, and no one challenges him until a year and a half later. On January 11, 1786, Tom whips a butcher named Bill Love within five minutes. One month later, Jackling kayoes Jack Towers, and in June, he beats Bill Fry for a side bet of $250. Six months later, on January 18, 1787, Tom defeated Bristol's Bill Warr in Berkshire.

By then, Tom was the undisputed champion of England. Michael Ryan, champion of Ireland, challenged, and the two men fought on December 18, 1787. In a hot exchange, the Irishman connected with a terrific punch to Jackling's temple. Tom reeled helplessly against the rails as Mike set himself to follow up.

As he did, Tom's second burst into the ring and threw his arms around Mike's body. The crowd understandably yelled "foul," but the Irishman refused to win on a technicality. The contest was resumed, and a recovered Jackling beat Ryan in ten minutes.

A rematch, held in Cashiobury Park on February 11, 1789, resulted in another win for Jackling. Tom now had close to $25,000—almost a fortune in that period—and a pension of $100 a year from Mr. Hollingsworth, a corn-factor, his former employer.

Ten months later, on November 22, 1789, Jackling fought his greatest fight—a 62-round battle with Isaac Perrins lasting one hour and fifteen minutes. Perrins took a frightful beating, but succeeded in scoring several knockdowns and closing one of Jackling's eyes. A contemporary newspaper described it "as severe a contest as stands recorded in the annals of pugilism."

Jackling won the war and a lot of money in that fight, and retired with $125,000. Within a year, he lost it all—gambling and spending freely. He was the original Easy Mark—the Joe Louis of his day.

Financially and spiritually wrecked, Tom returned to the ring on January 17, 1791. His opponent was Benjamin (Big Ben) Brain.

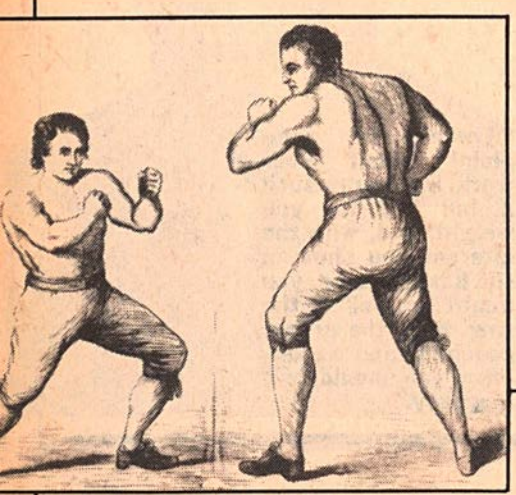
Jackling lost in twenty-one minutes.

Tom then became a boxing teacher in County Cork, Ireland. There was hardly enough money to give Jackling a decent burial when he died on January 21, 1797—barely forty-seven years of age.

When Jackling was a stevedore, a fellow worker became ill. Until he could recover, Tom carried two sacks of corn instead of one on every journey to the warehouse. He gave the extra money to the sick man's family.

Jackling was a good man and a fine fighter. The interest he rekindled in the ring was kept alive by Daniel Mendoza and John Jackson. Both those men are in the Hall of Fame.

Thomas Jackling now joins them. □



A 1790 engraving of the 1789 battle between Thomas Jackling (left) and Isaac Perrins. Jackling won after 62 rounds of brutal combat that lasted one hour and fifteen minutes.

LORD LONSDALE

Former British heavyweight champion Henry Cooper proudly displays his Lonsdale belt.

THE HISTORY OF QUEENSBERRY BOXING IN GREAT BRITAIN CAN PRACTICALLY BE told through the histories of the National Sporting Club—which governed boxing in that country from 1891 to 1929—and the British Boxing Board of Control, the present ruling body.

The patron saint of the National Sporting Club, and probably of boxing itself in Great Britain, is Lord Lonsdale (the fifth Earl Lonsdale, to be precise), the man in whose name belts are given to British champions making three or more defenses.

Professional boxing, as opposed to bare knuckle prizefighting, got its real start in England when the Pelican Club was formed in 1887. The first world title fight held under Queensberry Rules in England was at this club in 1890, when George Dixon won the world's "8 stone, 4 pound" (116-pound) title by knocking out Nunc Wallace in the 18th round. Four-ounce gloves were used.

Membership in the Pelican Club was primarily aristocratic. Its successor, the National Sporting Club, opened its doors on March 5, 1891. Like the Pelican, the N.S.C. was a private club. Its membership, however, was a bit wider in scope. John Fleming and A.F. (Peggy) Bettinson ran the N.S.C., but its first president was none other than Lord Lonsdale, the "sporting earl" with the ever present cigar and an income of £130,000 a year—more than $250,000 in 1891 money, and about $2,000,000 in 1985 buying power.

These "clubs" were necessary, because "prize fights" were illegal. "Boxing contests" in "private" athletic clubs were permissible, though the N.S.C. was involved in at least two legal hassles in the first decade of its existence. In 1897, Jimmy Barry of America knocked out Walter Croot of England in the 20th round of a world's 108-pound title bout at the N.S.C., and Croot died of brain injuries a few days later. Barry and a few N.S.C. officials were brought down to Bow Street, but were soon discharged. On April 24, 1901, a fighter called Billy Smith (real name Murray Livingstone) was killed at the N.S.C., prompting a ruling by Justice Grantham which effectively enfranched boxing as a legal sport in Britain.

The prestige and personality of Lonsdale loomed large in these and other early struggles. The National Sporting Club, located at 43 King Street in London's Covent Garden, was essentially a private club, with "members only" allowed at the gate, until 1928. Great sums of money could not be paid to boxers, but the Club had a solution.

In February, 1909, a formal list of weight divisions was issued: flyweight (112), bantamweight (118), featherweight (126), lightweight (135), welterweight (147), middleweight (160), cruiserweight (175), and heavyweight (no limit). These are the "standard" eight divisions as they are today. In addition, special belts, donated by Lord Lonsdale, were offered to winners of British professional titles. To win a belt "outright" (actual ownership as opposed to possession during one's titular reign), one had to win three British title fights. Those men capable of doing this—the *creme de la creme* of British boxing—were also given pensions of one pound a week for life upon reaching the age of fifty. (Sounds like they worked for *The Ring* Magazine.)

After Lonsdale's death and the demise of the N.S.C., the awarding of belts was taken over by the British Boxing Board of Control. The B.B.B.C. has kept up this fine tradition, and a picture of the earl is now on every belt.

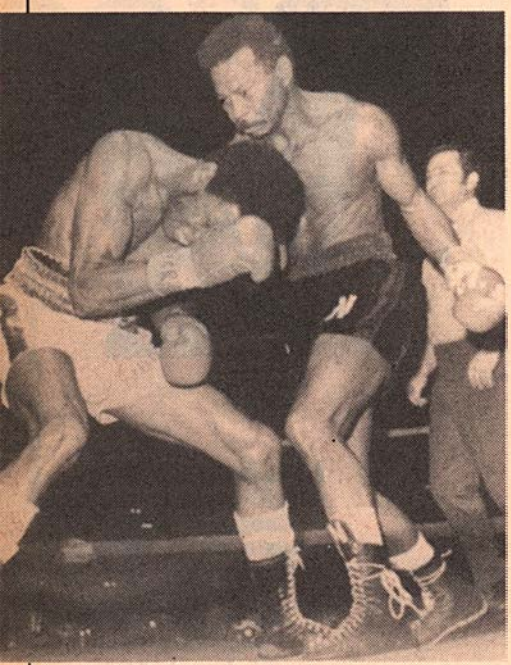
Patron, fan, friend of both kings and pugs, British boxing owes a lot—possibly its very survival—to Lord Lonsdale. The Boxing Hall of Fame is honored to admit its first aristocrat.

Welcome, m'lord! □

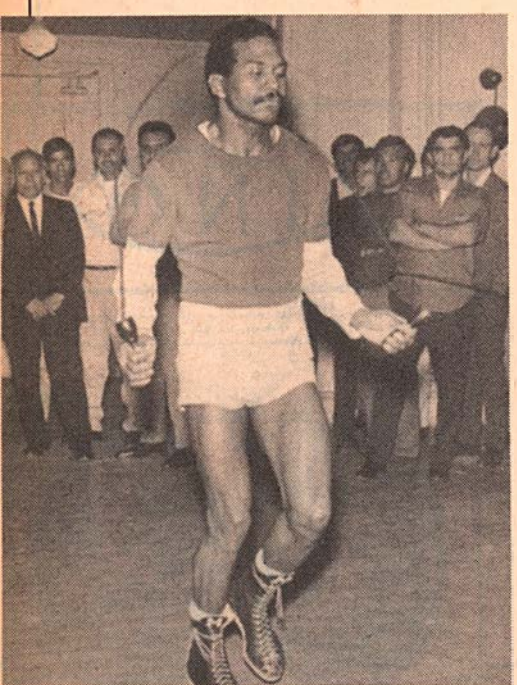
Lord Lonsdale (right), along with promoter Tex Rickard, graced the cover of the first issue of THE RING, February, 1922.

Jose 'Mantequilla' Napoles

By MICHAEL MARLEY



Welterweight champion Jose Napoles (right) on his way to a 15 round decision over challenger Hedgemon Lewis, December 15, 1971, in Los Angeles.



The mighty 'Mantequilla' as he looked during his days as the welterweight champion.

IT WAS OCTOBER OF 1969 AND THERE were those in boxing who detected just a little bit of slippage in the ring skills of the new world welterweight champion, Jose (Mantequilla) Napoles.

Napoles, the superbly-talented Cuban who moved to Mexico when Fidel Castro banned pro boxing, was never able to get a crack at Carlos Ortiz' lightweight title. Ortiz' shrewd and well-connected manager, Honest Bill Daly, was not interested in taking on Napoles. At first, Cucu Conde's fighter moved up to the 140-pound ranks but found paydays in that division rather insulting.

Finally, in '69, with a solid decade of experience in rings ranging from Havana to Caracas to Tokyo behind him, the smooth-as-butter (the translation of Napoles' nickname) stylist crashed the welterweight class. And he did it in dramatic fashion, knocking out underrated Ohioan Fate Davis as a prelude to a Los Angeles title bout against the Texas counterpuncher, Curtis Cokes. In that bout and an immediate return match, Napoles dispatched Cokes in 13 and then in 10 rounds.

But those who knew of Napoles party-hearty lifestyle—a combination of fast women, not fast enough horses and tequilas chased by beer—were seeing the first tiny chinks in the fighter's marvelous armor. In order to detect same, you had to really know the fighter's history and his habits. The defects were quite minor.

All Willie Pep, who was sitting at ringside in L.A. with veteran matchmaker Mickey (The Kid) Davies for Napoles—Emile Griffith, knew was that this "adopted Mexican" impressed him.

"I can still recall the incident," Davies said when informed that Napoles had gained election to *The Ring*'s Boxing Hall of Fame. "We sat there watching Napoles and he was doing anything he wanted to Griffith. And Emile was no slouch. But Mantequilla was having his way. He was a truly great fighter.

"Anyway, Willie turns to me and says, 'Gee, I didn't know they made fighters like

1985 HALL OF FAME BALLOTING TOP TEN VOTE GETTERS

(45 Total Ballots; 34 Votes Needed To Elect)

JOSE NAPOLES	37
EDER JOFRE	33
CARLOS ZARATE	25
JOE BROWN	24
CARLOS ORTIZ	23
SONNY LISTON	22
FLASH ELORDE	21
NINO BENVENUTI	19
RANDY TURPIN	14
FIGHTING HARADA	13

this guy anymore.' How's that for a tribute?" And, as great a fighter as Mantequilla was, he was just as great a dissipator. Doing all the things he did, being a playboy, a drinker and a horse bettor, he was still able to do so much in the ring just on natural ability. Davies goes on to say, "Cucu told me once they had a fight and Mantequilla made about $50,000. So he took his whole entourage down to Panama with him. He started betting the horses there and blew the whole bundle. He had to wire Cucu for money to get back to Mexico."

Davies and other Californians were privileged to see Napoles perform in the flesh 10 times. And, after beating Griffith by decision, Napoles took on rough Ernie (Big Red) Lopez.

"Mantequilla did slip around like butter," Davies said. "He was like butter on a plate. I'll never forget how Big Red used to lead with right hands against ordinary guys and get away with it. He did it twice against Napoles and nothing happened. Then he threw another right lead and Mantequilla knocked him on his ass with a counterpunch. He was something to watch."

Chris Dundee, the sage of Miami Beach, was also privileged. He saw Napoles in his boxing infancy in the rowdy pre-Castro Havana. Napoles had his first 18 pro bouts in his homeland.

"There were a lot of good fighters down there," Dundee said. "We brought Luis Rodriguez and Florentino Fernandez over but Napoles stood out very much. He had so much punching power and boxing class. He was a helluva fighter and you could see it then. He could do everything and he could take a shot, too, you know."

One fantasy fight Dundee dreams about at 147 pounds is Ray Leonard against Napoles.

"That would have been a beautiful fight to look at," Dundee said, "And don't forget we never saw Leonard actually matured. But you gotta put Napoles in with Ray Robinson, Basilio, Leonard and all the great fighters, too."

Matchmaker Teddy Brenner usually admired Napoles from afar. But his assessment of the fighter is typical.

"Even the skeptics in the boxing business, the worst thing they could say about Napoles is that he was a good fighter," Brenner said. "I don't think you could rate a Sugar Ray Leonard ahead of a Jose Napoles. And Napoles was far above an Aaron Pryor.

"He was a real good fighter. Fame came a little late in his career. He may have been slightly past his peak when he won the title. And he had no business fighting Carlos Monzon but those were just money fights. Monzon was just too big for him. Napoles never made any real big money. He just missed out on it. He definitely belongs in the Hall Of Fame."

Davies and Dundee would make that a unanimous decision.

Rumors that Napoles is destitute and dancing on the streets for change have been greatly exaggerated. While Jose is far from wealthy, he is currently training fighters in Guadalajara.

Napoles may be down and out in Mexico, a victim of his wild spending, but welcome to your new exclusive neighborhood, anyway. Adding a Jose Napoles should make the property values rise. □

Napoles beefs up with a "small" salad while in Paris training for his ill-fated crack at Carlos Monzon's middleweight title.

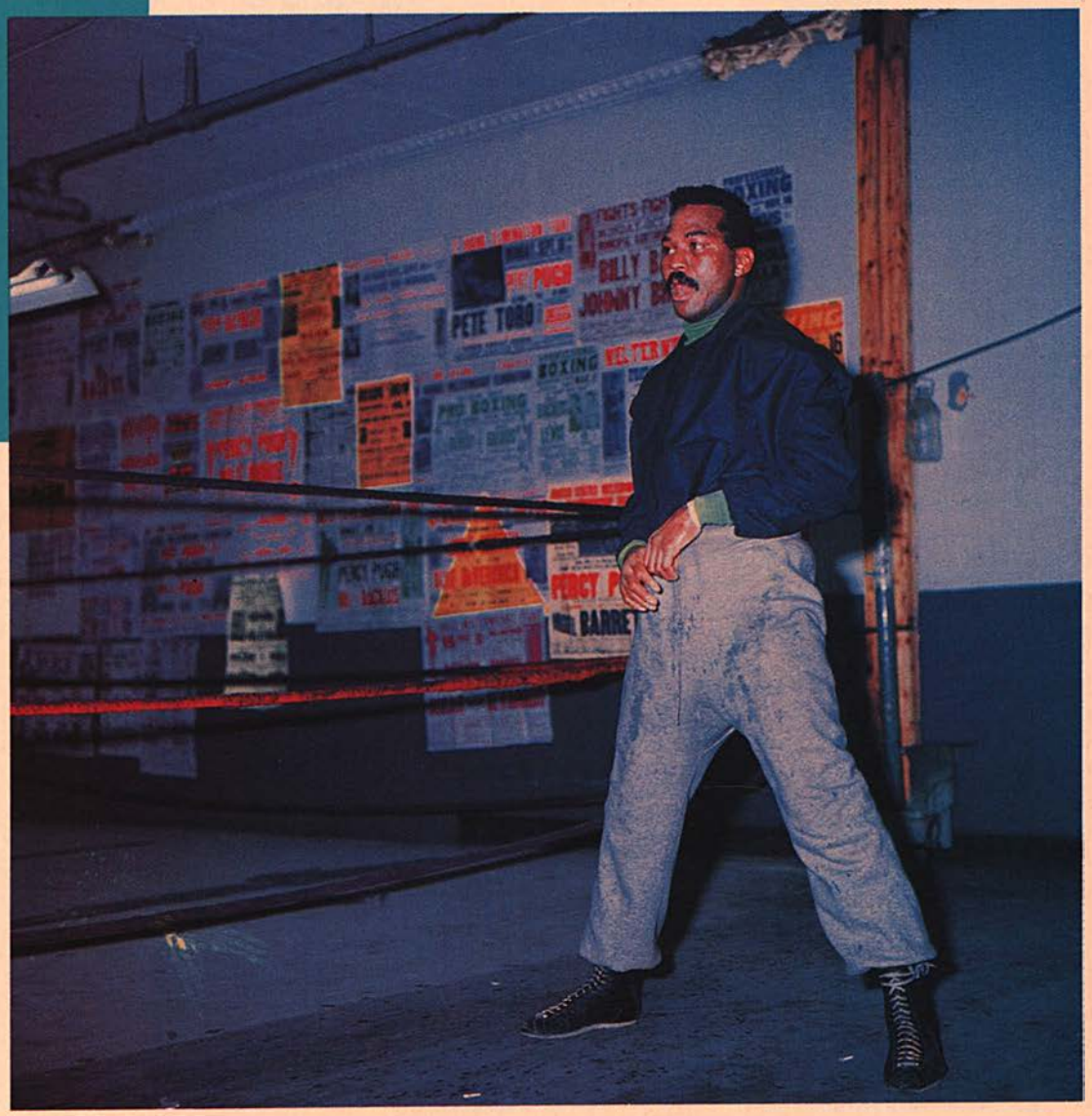
SO CLOSE, BUT YET SO FAR

Eder Jofre Misses Hall Of Fame By One Vote

As explained in this month's "Ringside" editorial, a fighter has to be named on 75% of the ballots cast to be elected to the Modern Group. This year, only Jose Napoles received the required number of votes. Eder Jofre, however, came so close that he deserves special mention. The peerless Brazilian bantamweight needed only one more vote, but rules are rules, and unfortunately, Eder will have to wait. □

Napoles, a Cuban exile living in Mexico, hams it up with an authentic American indian at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California.

JOSE 'MANTEQUILLA' NAPOLES



THE PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF JOSE NAPOLES

TOTAL BOUTS	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KO by	ND	NC
84	**54**	**21**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**

The RING

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)

WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES ☆ ..... Easton, Pa.

1. **Pinklon Thomas**** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
2. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **Tony Tubbs*** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
4. **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
5. **Gerrie Coetzee** ..... South Africa
6. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
7. **Michael Dokes** ..... Akron, Ohio
8. **David Bey** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Carl Williams** ..... New York, N.Y.
10. **James Smith** ..... Magnolia, N.C.

11. James Broad 12. Gerry Cooney 13. Tony Tucker 14. Frank Bruno 15. Eddie Gregg 16. Marvis Frazier 17. Trevor Berbick 18. Jeff Sims 19. Mitchell Green.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONZO RATLIFF** ..... Chicago, Ill.

1. **Carlos (Sugar) De Leon** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Piet Crous*** ..... South Africa
3. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad**..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
4. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Anthony Davis** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
6. **Lee Roy Murphy** ☆ ..... Chicago, Ill.
7. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi** ..... Camden, N.J.
8. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
9. **Henry Hearns** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10. **Rickey Parkey** ..... Atlantic City, N.J.

11. Boone Pultz 12. Bernard Benton 13. Chisanda Mutti 14. Bashiru Ali 15. David Pearce.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS* ** ☆ ..... St. Louis, Mo.

1. **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **Prince Mama Mohammad**..... Ghana
3. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
4. **Willie Edwards**..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Jean-Marie Emebe**..... Cameroon
6. **Fulgencio Obelmejias** ..... Venezuela
7. **Jim MacDonald**..... Fort Worth, Texas
8. **J.B. Williamson** ..... Inglewood, Calif.
9. **Grover Robinson** ..... Fremont, Calif.
10. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.

11. Dennis Andries 12. David Sears 13. Tim Broady 14. Alex Blanchard 15. Lotte Mwale

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* ** ☆ ..... Brockton, Mass.

1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
4. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
5. **Mustafa Hamsho** ..... Syria
6. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
7. **Dwight Davison** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Doug DeWitt** ..... Yonkers, New York
9. **Curtis Parker**..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10. **Herol Graham** ..... England

11. Alex Ramos 12. Chong-Pal Park 13. Murray Sutherland 14. John Collins 15. Mark Holmes.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.

1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Carlos Santos** ☆ ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Mark Medal**..... Jersey City, N.J.
6. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
7. **Buster Drayton**..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **Julian Jackson** ..... Stockton, Calif.
9. **Fred Hutchings** ..... Virgin Islands
10. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas

11. Matthew Hilton 12. Darnell Knox 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. James Green 15. Earl Hargrove 16. Willie Harris.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Donald Curry*** ☆ ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
2. **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
4. **Colin Jones**..... Wales
5. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Maurice Blocker**..... Washington, D.C.
7. **Jerome Kinney** ..... Highland Park, Mich.
8. **Herman Montes** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Carlos Trujillo**..... Panama
10. **Sylvester Mittee** ..... England

11. Johnny Bumphus 12. Lloyd Honeyghan 13. Pedro Vilella 14. Marlon Starling 15. Horace Shufford 16. Nino LaRocca.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Aaron Pryor** ☆ ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
2. **Bill Costello**** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
3. **Gene Hatcher*** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
4. **Ronnie Shields**..... Port Arthur, Texas
5. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
6. **Leroy Haley** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
7. **Saoul Mamby** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
8. **Gary Hinton**..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Patrizio Oliva**..... Italy
10. **Terry Marsh** ..... England

11. Ubaldo Sacco 12. Clinton McKenzie 13. Hugo Hernandez 14. Billy Famous 15. Hideka Akai 16. Joe Louis Manley 17. Brian Baronet 18. Lorenzo Garcia 19. Reyes Cruz.

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Ratings as of June 10, 1985

*** WBA CHAMPION**
**** WBC CHAMPION**
☆ IBF CHAMPION

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Jose Luis Ramirez**** ..... Mexico
3. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Jimmy Paul** ☆ ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Harry Arroyo** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
6. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Hector Camacho** ..... New York, N.Y.
8. **Ray Mancini** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
9. **Howard Davis, Jr.**..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
10. **Terrence Alli**..... New York, N.Y.

11. Darryll Tyson 12. Cornelius Boza-Edwards 13. Robin Blake 14. Adolfo Medel 15. Bobby Chacon 16. Rene Weller.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ* ..... Puerto Rico

1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
3. **Roger Mayweather** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
4. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
5. **Rafael Solis**..... Puerto Rico
6. **Edgar Castro**..... Venezuela
7. **Alfredo Layne** ..... Panama
8. **Pat Cowdell**..... England
9. **Kenny Baysmore**..... Washington, D.C.
10. **Dwight Pratchett** ..... Gary, Indiana

11. Jean Marc Renard 12. Dennis Cruz 13. Refugio Rojas 14. Ruben Castillo 15. Kamel Bou Ali 16. Lester Ellis 17. Yonekura Ikhoni 18. Yoshimitsu Azato 19. Tae-Jin Moon.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

BARRY MCGUIGAN* ..... Ireland

1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Eusebio Pedroza** ..... Panama
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
5. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
7. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
8. **Min-Keun Oh** ☆ ..... Korea
9. **Adrian Arreola** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10. **Richard Savage** ..... West Monroe, La.

11. Irving Mitchell 12. Jorge Lujan, 13. Sergio Zambrano, 14. Ramon Sosa, 15. Lupe Suarez, 16. Oscar Bejines, 17. Tyrone Jackson, 18. Dana Roston 19. Tommy Cordova.

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7. **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
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9. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
10. **Leo Cruz** ..... Dominican Republic

11. Bernardo Checa, 12. Felipe Orozco, 13. Seung-Hoon Lee, 14. Jesus Flores, 15. Tommy Valoy, 16. Pongpan Sorphayathai, 17. Ramon Dominguez, 18. Ji-Won Kim.

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2. **Daniel Zaragoza**** ..... Mexico
3. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
4. **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
5. **Freddy Jackson** ..... Houston, Texas
6. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
7. **Jerome Coffee**..... Nashville, Tenn.
8. **Miguel Lora** ..... Colombia
9. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
10. **Cardenio Ulloa** ..... Chile

11. Harold Petty, 12. Enrique Sanchez, 13. Jorge Ramirez, 14. Chan-Young Park, 15. Kazuo Katsuma, 16. Jose Chacon, 17. Benito Badilla, 18. Gustavo Ballas.

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SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand

1. **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
2. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
3. **Sugar Baby Rojas** ..... Miami, Fla.
4. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
5. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
7. **Alonzo Gonzalez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **Candido Tellez** ..... Mexico
9. **Francisco Quiroz** ..... Dominican Republic
10. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines

11. Jose DeJesus, 12. Freddie Castillo, 13. Antoine Montero, 14. Jorge Cano, 15. Soon-Chun Kwon, 16. German Torres, 17. Prudencio Cardona, 18. Francisco Montiel, 19. Reinaldo Becerra, 20. Isidro Perez.

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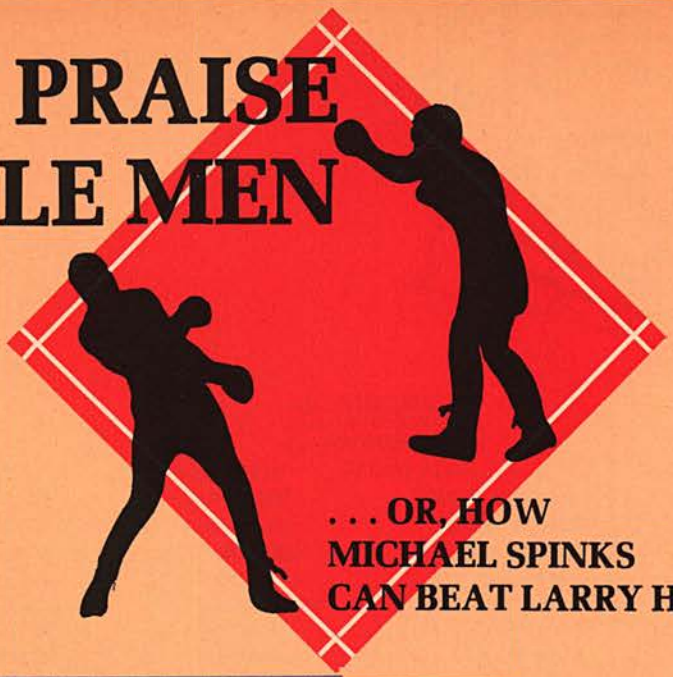


. . . OR, HOW MICHAEL SPINKS CAN BEAT LARRY HOLMES

by
Joseph D'O'Brian

All other things being equal, a good big man will beat a good little man.

—Every boxing fan, from 2,000 B.C. onwards

I don't know how this one got started. Maybe Cain had a few pounds on Abel. I've even been guilty of saying it myself. But when, after Larry Holmes had disposed of David Bey and they began talking about matching him with Michael Spinks, I had to take a good hard look at the situation. And I came to the conclusion that it was a lot of bunk, that statement, and that if the fight ever did happen, I'd have to put down a few dollars on Michael Spinks.

Oh, I've heard all the arguments before. Has a light-heavyweight champion ever annexed the heavyweight crown? Strictly speaking, no. How many welterweight champs have won the middleweight crown, or lightweights, the welterweight? Damn few. And look what just happened to Thomas Hearns? I know, I know.

It is true that very often, maybe more often than not, a good big man *does* beat a good little man. But my contention is that in general, this fact has less to do with the actual weights than it does with psychological factors.

Have you ever noticed a confrontation between a big dog and a little one? Isn't it always the little Pekingese pooch who starts snarling and yapping, trying to outmacho the Doberman? And if the Doberman decides to take it seriously, of course the Peke will get beaten up.

On the other hand, have you ever seen that same Doberman try to take on a sweet little pussycat? If you have, chances are you've seen a dog who'll know better the next time.

The reason for this is that a cat won't be thrown by the dog's size. He'll fight his own fight, maybe adapting himself a little to his bigger opponent, but never letting the dog dictate the action.

What I'm getting at is that in most cases, a fight between two men of different weights will be decided by the same factors that decide any other fight: style, ability and desire.

But look at the evidence, I hear you scream. Look at all the light heavyweights, middleweights and welterweights who have tried and failed to step up in class: Billy Conn, Mickey Walker, John Henry Lewis, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, Archie Moore—even Sugar Ray Robinson couldn't do it!

This evidence can be discarded as simply an unlucky juxtaposition of circumstances. It is true that in a strict sense, no light heavyweight champion has ever gone on to win the heavyweight crown, for instance. But examine these facts:

Bob Fitzsimmons, the only man to hold both those titles, won the light-heavyweight crown *after* holding the heavy belt. On the day he won the world's heavyweight championship, he weighed 156½, thirty pounds less than his opponent.

Tommy Burns seldom weighed over 180 for his heavyweight title defenses. He could easily have held the light-heavy crown, too, had he wanted it.

Gene Tunney fought as a light-heavyweight for his entire career, save for his three fights for the heavyweight championship.

Edward Charles and Floyd Patterson both spent several years as leading light-heavyweight contenders, and would probably have won that title had they been able to land a match.

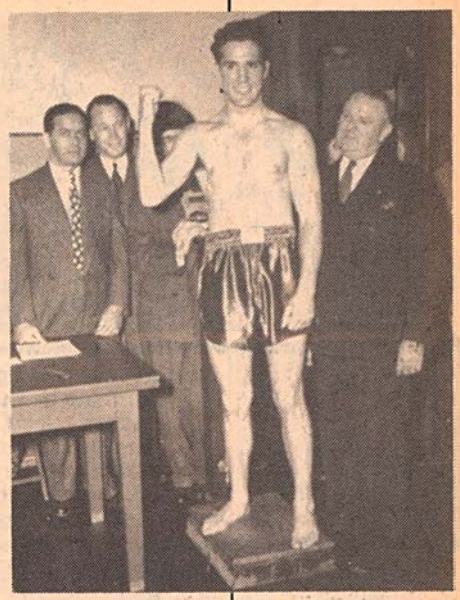
So you see, it can be done.

It may be that one reason for the big man/little man myth being so prevalent is that when a little man does lose to a big man, he tends to do it in a pretty spectacular style. These are the fights, usually, that you end up telling your grandchildren about. But it's interesting to note that in almost all of these cases, the little man's defeat can be traced to something other than his weight.

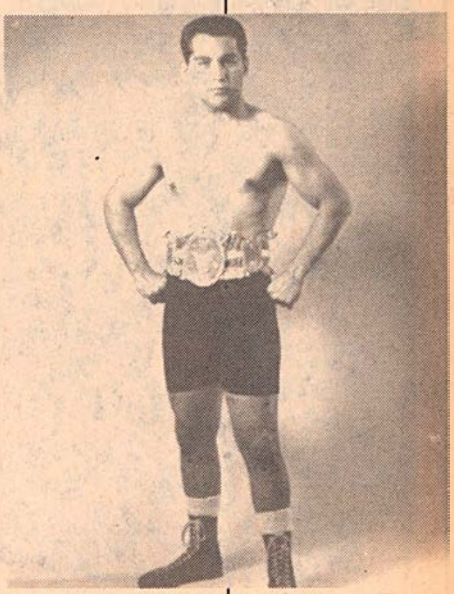
If you're old enough to have grandchildren to tell the story to, you remember the night when middleweight champ Sugar Ray Robinson tried to wrest the light-heavy belt from Joey Maxim.

Not that the story hasn't been told often enough of how the 157-pound Robinson took the fight to the 173-pound Maxim, winning nine of the first ten rounds, sticking and moving and piling up points while the strangely listless Maxim grabbed, held, and threw only a few pitty-pat punches. And of how Robinson finally wilted from the incredible heat of the ring (115 degrees, so it's said), collapsed, and had to quit on his stool after the thirteenth round, leaving Maxim with a totally undeserved victory.

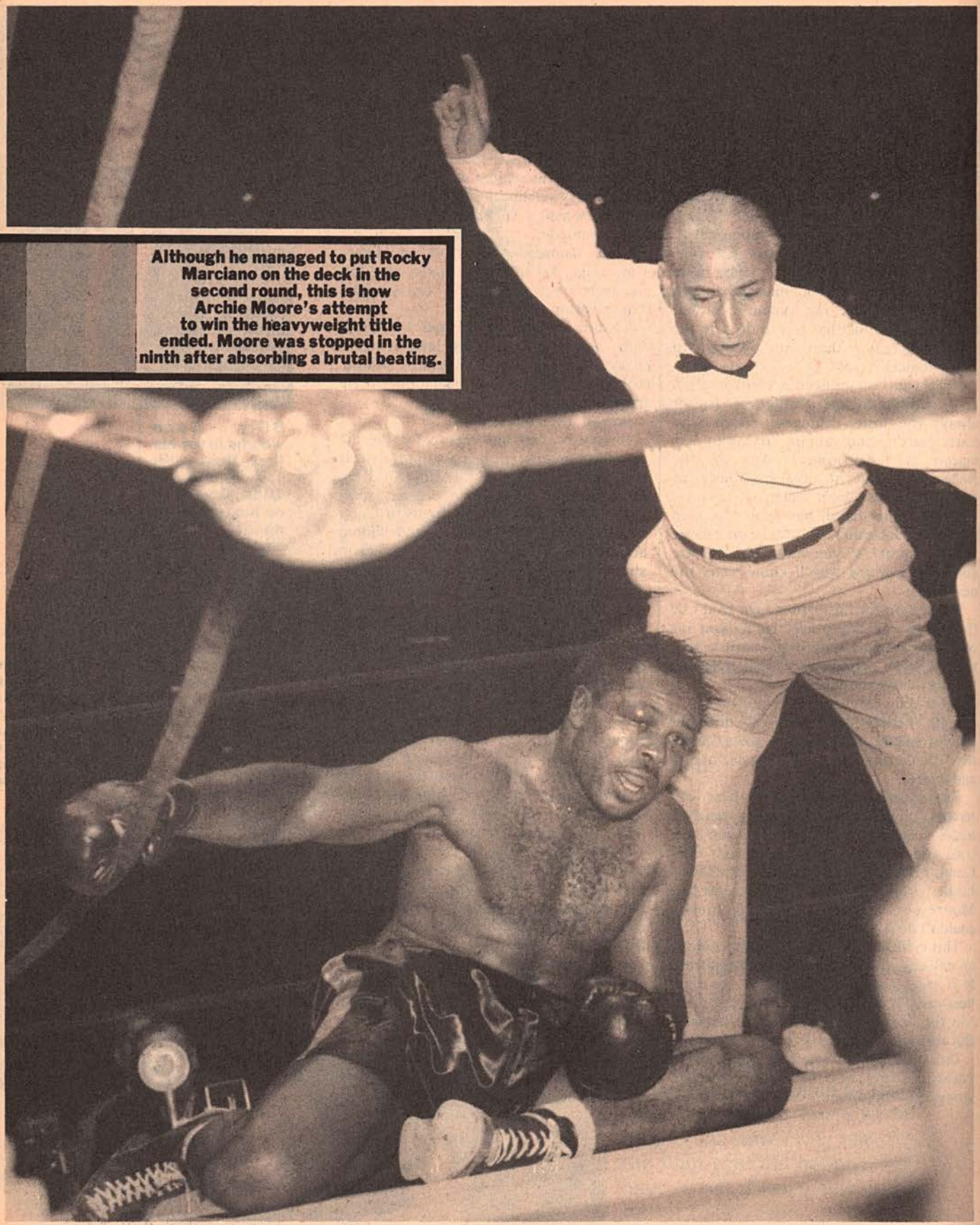
It just goes to show you, most fans said. Joe Liebling wrote, "The heat was the same for both men. But when a man weighing 157 has to pull and haul against a man who weighs 173, he has to handle sixteen pounds more than his own weight. The other fellow has to handle sixteen pounds less than his. Multiply this by the



Billy Conn weighs in for his first fight with Joe Louis in 1941. Conn was on his way to an upset victory when he decided to try for a knockout. The change in tactics was Billy's downfall and Louis knocked him out in the 13th round.



Former light heavyweight champion Willie Pastrano had some success against heavyweights, but he also lost to the likes of Brian London and Joe Erskin.



Although he managed to put Rocky Marciano on the deck in the second round, this is how Archie Moore's attempt to win the heavyweight title ended. Moore was stopped in the ninth after absorbing a brutal beating.

number of seconds in a prize fight, and you get a pretty good idea of why they weigh fighters."

Liebling was right as far as he went, but in his writeup of the fight he did not make the obvious point, which is that if Robinson had only been satisfied with winning, instead of winning by a mile, he would probably have made it. He could have still fought his own fight, only adapting it to his bigger opponent, in this case slowing things down a little.

Another famous story is the one about the first Joe Louis-Billy Conn fight. This fight is so well-known that I don't have to spend any time recounting it, but I will make a point on it.

So many fans use this fight as an example of the good big man beating the good little man, but in fact it is an example of just the opposite. We all know how Conn was well ahead on points, needing only to win one of the last three rounds to get the decision and the heavyweight title, when he lost his head and decided to knock Louis out. As he later expressed it, "I lost my head and a million bucks."

It had nothing to do with weight. Louis weighed 200 for that fight, Conn 168 (the papers gave it as 174 so that it wouldn't look so bad). Yet Conn had him whipped and only lost the fight through stupidity. Having neutralized the weight factor for twelve rounds, he *allowed* himself to lose because of his weight when he decided to slug it out.

I would also remind you that when Louis and Conn met in a rematch, Conn weighed 187—a gain of almost 20 pounds—and Louis spattered him all over the ring.

A lot of fighters will try to put on a lot of weight when they move up in class, and without exception, this leads to wrack and ruin. Thomas Hearns, a natural 150-pounder, weighed 165 three days before his match with Hagler, and look what happened to his mobility. (Hagler would have beaten him at any weight, though, to be fair.)

Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, when he took a notion a few years ago to go for the heavyweight title, ballooned up to 200, twenty pounds above his best weight, for a tune-up match with Renaldo Snipes. The result was that he was literally too fat to move. While Snipes danced rings around him for ten rounds, Eddie stood in blubbery majesty in ring center, trying to get his arms past his stomach to throw a punch. When Snipes knocked him down, he didn't fall—he plopped, like an egg hitting the frying pan. I was surprised when he managed to get his bulk upright again.

It was sad, because Eddie Mustafa's a good fighter, and if he'd come in at 180 he would almost certainly have won.

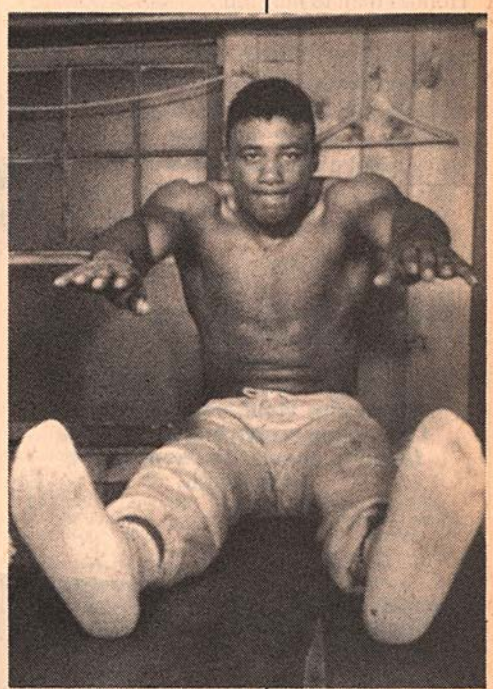
Another interesting point is that when a small fighter does come in at his best weight, and does manage to whip a bigger opponent, he tends not to regard the weight differential as a factor. When Jim Corbett won the heavyweight title, he weighed 178 to John L. Sullivan's 212. Yet in his autobiography, Corbett makes absolutely no mention of this fact. Corbett was an insufferable egotist and braggart, and he would certainly have talked a lot about how much bigger Sullivan was if he'd thought it was important. Evidently he didn't.

Bob Fitzsimmons' biographer, Robert Davis, recalled Fitz's reaction to the fact that he weighed 156½ pounds for his shot at the heavyweight title. "I'm still a middleweight," Fitz remarked as he looked at the scale. "Well, we'll see wot 'appens." Sounds like he was terribly concerned, doesn't it?

Well, these guys didn't have to be concerned, because they knew that if only they fought their own fights, they'd be okay. Corbett didn't try to slug with Sullivan—he wore him down instead. Fitz didn't let Corbett use his extra weight—he waited, fought a slow, dull fight, and hung in until he got the chance he knew would come for one big punch.

Certainly there are exceptions to what I'm saying. Willie Pastrano, Archie Moore and Bob Foster are examples of men who were natural heavyweights—but small heavyweights. Each one found that there just wasn't enough strength in his 185-odd-pound frame to cope with men who weighed twenty or thirty pounds more, so each one pared himself down to the light-heavy limit—175—and met with great success.

Floyd Patterson twice won the heavyweight championship, but he was little more than a cruiserweight.



But in the case of most fighters, weight is a factor that can usually be neutralized. And that's why, if he fights a sensible fight, Michael Spinks should have a good shot against Larry Holmes.

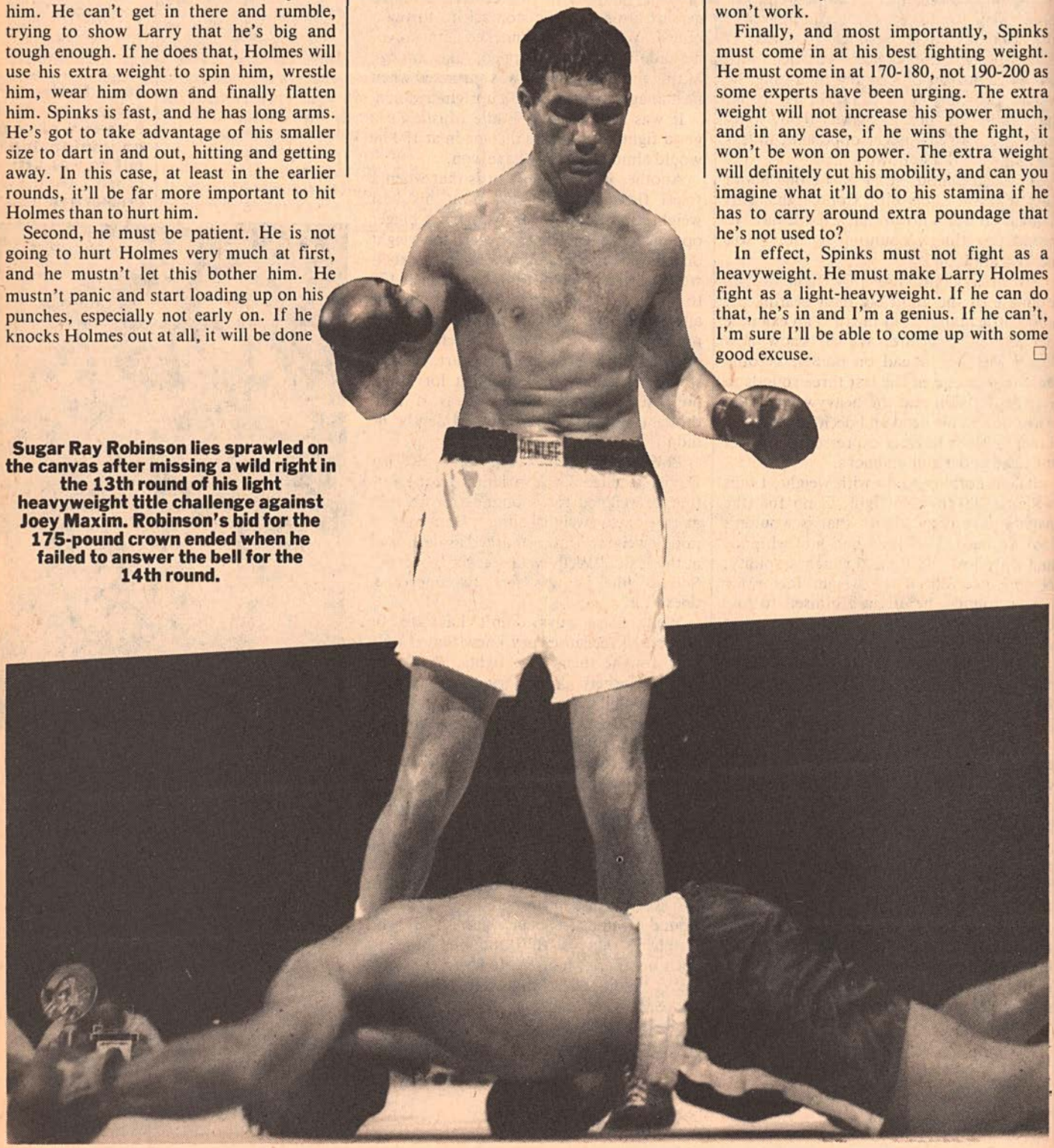
To neutralize the weight factor, Spinks will have to do three main things.

First, he will have to avoid worrying about whether or not Holmes "respects" him. He can't get in there and rumble, trying to show Larry that he's big and tough enough. If he does that, Holmes will use his extra weight to spin him, wrestle him, wear him down and finally flatten him. Spinks is fast, and he has long arms. He's got to take advantage of his smaller size to dart in and out, hitting and getting away. In this case, at least in the earlier rounds, it'll be far more important to hit Holmes than to hurt him.

Second, he must be patient. He is not going to hurt Holmes very much at first, and he mustn't let this bother him. He mustn't panic and start loading up on his punches, especially not early on. If he knocks Holmes out at all, it will be done with a *precise* punch, not a heavy one. It will happen in a late round, when the hundreds of light punches Spinks has landed have finally begun to sap Holmes' reflexes. But if the knockout punch ever gets thrown, it will have to be a punch that flows from the natural course of things. It can't be a case of Spinks saying to himself, "Now I'll try to knock him out." That won't work.

Finally, and most importantly, Spinks must come in at his best fighting weight. He must come in at 170-180, not 190-200 as some experts have been urging. The extra weight will not increase his power much, and in any case, if he wins the fight, it won't be won on power. The extra weight will definitely cut his mobility, and can you imagine what it'll do to his stamina if he has to carry around extra poundage that he's not used to?

In effect, Spinks must not fight as a heavyweight. He must make Larry Holmes fight as a light-heavyweight. If he can do that, he's in and I'm a genius. If he can't, I'm sure I'll be able to come up with some good excuse. □



Sugar Ray Robinson lies sprawled on the canvas after missing a wild right in the 13th round of his light heavyweight title challenge against Joey Maxim. Robinson's bid for the 175-pound crown ended when he failed to answer the bell for the 14th round.

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

Edited By Herbert G. Goldman

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

►**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Oscar (Negro) Bejines, 128, Guadalajara, stopped outclassed Manuel (Gallito) Juarez, 128, Tucson, at 1:34 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Bejines hit the tough Juarez on the chin with everything he threw, but could never put him on the floor. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Fernando (Wary) Beltran, 121, Culican, knocked out inexperienced Jaime Polo, 121, Barranquilla, referee Rozadilla counting out Polo at 2:08 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Beltran (24-3), Mexico's third ranked bantamweight, was making his U.S. debut.

James Sowell, 136, Los Angeles, was an upset majority winnery over hard-working Joey Olivera, 136, Pasadena, in an excellent 10. Sowell, who usually fights to survive, fought to win—especially in the pivotal final round. Scoring: referee Rudy Jordan, 97-96; judge Rozadilla, 96-95; judge Gwen Farrell, 98-98.

Tadashi Maruo, 120, Tokyo, hit too hard for previously unbeaten Jesse Rodriguez, 120, Los Angeles, who was floored twice and rescued by referee Jordan at 2:59 of the third round in a scheduled four.

Ronnie Gutierrez, 129, Westminster, unanimously outpointed debuting Lonnie Donaldson, 129, Los Angeles, not losing a round. Gutierrez (2-0) may be one to watch. Jordan, referee.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.

Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.

(04-18-85)

►**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Sixth ranked WBC light heavyweight J.B. Williamson, 172, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed 18th ranked Grover Robinson, 173½, Fremont, to win the vacant Californai State light heavyweight title. The defeat also cost Robinson his Forum light heavyweight crown.

Williamson (19-1) dominated the fight with punishing combinations, but Robinson also fought very hard and deserved his share of the money thrown in by appreciative ringsiders. Scoring: referee Marty Denkin, 117-111; judge Vinie Delgado, 119-110; judge Lou Moret, 118-110.

Former USBA featherweight champion Refugio Rojas, 126, Los Angeles, won a controversial split decision over E. Wade Costict, 125½, Detroit, in a 10-round Forum featherweight tournament bout. Wade (13-3-1) was always on the move and seemed to control a majority of the middle rounds. The sluggish Rojas improved his record to 37-10-2. Scoring: referee Moret, 98-93, Wade; judge Delgado, 96-95, Rojas; judge Denkin, 96-94, Rojas.

Ernie Johnson, 125½, San Diego, unanimously outpointed previously unbeaten Mark Fernandez, 124¾, Denver, in another Forum featherweight tournament elimination fight. Fernandez (14-1-1) scored the only knockdown when he floored Johnson for eight in the third. However, Johnson (14-2) forced the fight, worked harder, and was a clear winner. Scoring: referee Delgado, 96-93; judge Moret, 98-92; judge Denkin, 97-93.

Ernest Curtis, 148¾, Los Angeles, knocked out Charles Williams, 150¾, with a left hook to the belly, referee Moret counting out the breathless but upright Williams at just 0:29 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Jerry Horne, 144½, Phoenix, TKO'd Stacy Grant, 147, Los Angeles, referee Denkin intervening at 2:12 of the first round in their scheduled six after Grant had been floored.

Javier Lara, 117¾, Sepulveda, and debuting John Hernandez, 118, Los Angeles, fought to a technical draw in 1:01 of the first round in a scheduled four when Hernandez was cut by an unintentional head butt. Lara had won the first round on all scorecards. Delgado, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper.

Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.

(04-22-85)

►**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel Ballroom**—Bert Lee, 156, Corona, unanimously outpointed former State champion Tim Harris, 154½, Sacramento, 10. Lee easily controlled the bout before a capacity crowd of 1,500. Scoring: referee Chuck Hassett, 98-91; judge Robert Byrd, 100-90; judge John Thomas, 99-91.

Once promising George Garcia, 122, Westminster, fighting for the first time in 18 months, unanimously outscored southpaw Carlos Canchola, 120¼, Santa Maria, eight. Garcia dominated but couldn't floor the durable Canchola. Scoring: referee Byrd, 80-72; judge Hassett, 79-73; judge Thomas, 80-73.

Also returning after a lengthy lay-off was Hedgemon Robertson, 142, Carson. Robertson could have used the distance work, but his hand picked opponent, Francisco Armenta, 143½, Los Angeles, fell down as if on cue and was counted out by referee Thomas at 1:42 of the second round in a scheduled eight.

Nick Delong, 225, Long Beach, won a disputed six-round split decision over Mark Mahone, 202, Orange. Delong had a rough time in the middle rounds when the smaller Mahone opened bad cuts over both his eyes. Delong, an ex-San Jose State football star, came back strongly in the final round to dominate the tiring ex-service champ. Scoring: referee Thomas, 58-57, Delong; judge Hassett, 59-55, Mahone; judge Byrd, 58-56, Delong.

Amateur star Ricky Romero, 115½, Long Beach, won his first as a pro when Yuki Horiuchi, 114, Huntington Beach, was disqualified for continued holding at 2:42 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. The classy Romero was ahead by a wide margin. Byrd, referee.

Greg Punete, 132, Alhambra, and Nacho Guerrero, 133, North Hollywood, drew, four. Scoring: referee Byrd, 38-38; judge Thomas, 39-39; judge Hassett, 39-38, Puente.

Martin Escobar, 129, Santa Monica, unanimously outpointed Joaquin Garcia, 131, Pasadena, four. Scoring: referee Hassett, 40-36; judge Byrd, 40-36; judge Thomas, 39-37.

Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physician.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.

(04-22-85)

►**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—John Montes, 138, Whittier, kayoed Tomas Chavez, 139, Culiacan, Mexico, with a left hook to the jaw in 1:04 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Luis Hernandez, 122, Redlands, unanimously outpointed Genaro Espitia, 124, North Hollywood, in a good six. Scoring: referee Robert Byrd, 59-55; judge Rudy Jordan, 59-56; judge Gwen Farrell, 59-56.

Aggressive Juvenal Molina, 121, Los Angeles, was too much for Arturo Valdez, 118, San Bernardino. Valdez quit in his corner at the end of the third round in a scheduled four. Byrd, referee.

Robert Williams, 172, Los Angeles, may have been a bit lucky to win a four-round split decision over Mando Martinez, 171, Los Angeles. Both were making their pro debuts. Scoring: referee Byrd, 39-38, Williams; judge Farrell, 39-38, Williams; judge Jordan, 39-37, Martinez.

Juan Cantu, 126, Ontario, stopped outclassed Luis Vargas, 125, Los Angeles. Ringside physician Dr. Bernhart Schwartz retired Vargas at the end of the third round in a scheduled four.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper.

Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.

(04-25-85)

►**SAN DIEGO—El Cortz Hotel**—Unbeaten Alex Madrid, 124, San Diego, unanimously outpointed Lenny Jones, 123½, San Diego, over eight very entertaining and gruelling rounds. Jones (9-4) had success at long range early, but in close from the fifth, southpaw Madrid (6-0-1) punished the taller fighter with head-jolting combinations. Scoring: referee Frank Rustish, 78-74; judge Pat Russell, 78-75; judge Hal Rickards, 79-74.

Debuting Ruben Proa, 132¾, unanimously outpointed Mark Hazzard, 134½, in an always interesting, well-matched six. The shorter Proa threw more punches especially in a one-sided bout-deciding final round. Hazzard's better boxing and cleaner hitting made the fight very close. Scoring: referee Russell, 58-57; judge Rickards, 58-56; judge Rustich, 59-55.

Art Jimmerson, 166, Los Angeles, shockingly stopped popular Sal Trujillo, 160, Vista, in just 1:08 of the first round in a scheduled four. First timer Jimmerson floored Trujillo twice. Rustich, referee.

Slugging Javier Tamayo, 130½, San Diego, unanimously outpointed stylist Phillip Brown, 131, San Diego, six. Brown won the first two rounds; the more determined Tamayo took the final four. Scoring: referee Russell, 58-56; judge Rustich, 58-57; judge Rickards, 59-56.

Mike Millsap, timekeeper.

Dr. Walter Patterson, ringside physician.

Elson Irwin, ring announcer.

(04-25-85)

►**SAN BERNARDINO—Arena**—Improving Lorenzo Rodriguez, 132, Riverside, floored and halted Rafael Gudino, 132, Santa Maria, with just one second remaining in the third round in a scheduled eight. Although Gudino is only 1-5-2, he had never been stopped before. Rodriguez (7-3) has won three straight eight-round mains, all at this arena. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

Unbeaten Gary Williams, 144, Pomona, kayoed Jorge Lua, 144, LaPuente, with a left hook to the body, referee Kenny Davis, counting up Lua at 0:47 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Lua was also floored in the first. Both fought bravely, but Williams (8-0) would never be discouraged.

Albert Montenegro, 139, LaPuente, used his reach advantage to win a split verdict over willing Rodney Capps, 140, Redlands, four. Debuting Capps used up too much energy in the first round. Scoring: referee Tony Guitron, 39-37, Capps; judge Davis, 40-37, Montenegro; judge Jen-Kin, 40-37, Montenegro.

Ondrade Williams, 160, Los Angeles, knocked out debuting Danny Sheppard, 164¾, Rialto, in 2:38 of the first round in their scheduled four. The mismatched 29-year-old Sheppard was decked and too wobbly to continue. Guitron, referee.

Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physician.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

Daniel Valles, ring announcer.

(04-26-85)

►**BAKERSFIELD—Civic Auditorium**—Danny Venegas, 147, Bakersfield, unanimously outpointed Tommy Richardson, 146½, Tiburon 10. Venegas improved his record to 12-1-1. Scoring: referee Vince Delgado, 97-93; judge Robert Byrd, 97-95; judge Dick Young, 99-91.

More experienced Roman Almaguer, 129¼, Chino, won a close but unanimous eight-round decision over Alex Galvan, 128½, Bakersfield. Scoring: referee Byrd, 78-75; judge Young, 78-73; judge Delgado, 76-75.

Mike Sedillo, 174½, Chino, came back from a first round knockdown to kayo Rickie Locke, 172, Bakersfield, in 0:57 of the second round in their scheduled eight. Byrd, referee.

Victor Gonzales, 125½, Tiburon, unanimously outscored debuting Israel Bazan, 124¼, Santa Maria, four. Byrd, referee.

Debuting African amateur star Israel Cole, 156, Bakersfield, surprisingly kayoed promising puncher Ondrade Williams, 160, Los Angeles, in just 1:57 of the first round in a scheduled four. Williams was down three times.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

Dr. Chalmers Ensminger, ringside physician.

Bill Mannerling, ring announcer.

(05-01-85)

►**LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena**—Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 130, Guadalajara, won a one-sided (99-93, 99-91, 99-91) unanimous 10-round decision over Adrian Arreola, 131, Los Angeles. Martinez floored Arreola in the first and won nearly every other round. Arreola had gained world recognition by easily defeating ex-champion Lupe Pintor as a featherweight, but he is not strong enough to compete with the top junior lightweights. Martinez has won three straight since his unsuccessful bid for the WBC title. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Top rated featherweight Marcos Villasana, 129¾, Acapulco, floored and stopped game Ecuadorian Hector Cortez, 127¾, Los Angeles, on the advice of ringside physician Dr. Michael DeLuca, at 2:27 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Villasana, fined for coming in almost two pounds over the contracted weight, pounded Cortez in the first six rounds. John Thomas, referee.

Jorge Vaca, 149, Guadalajara, reversed a previous knockout defeat when he TKO'd Herman Montes, 149, Whittier, at the end of the third round in a scheduled 10. Ringside physician Dr. Roger Thill stopped the fight because of cuts over both of Montes' eyes. Vaca was clearly ahead on points. Kenny Davis, referee.

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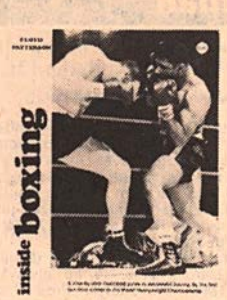

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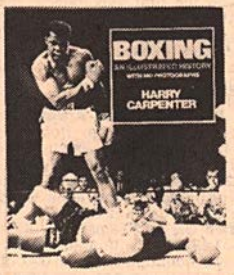

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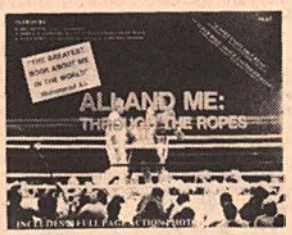

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Also winning easily was Mario Alberto Rodriguez, 126, Mexico City, who floored always trying Gerald Issack, 127, Los Angeles, in both the eighth and ninth before Issack was rescued by referee Dr. James Jen-Kin at 0:56 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10.

Carlos Manzano, 120, San Pedro, was a hard fought six-round split decision winner over previously unbeaten Randy Ortega, 118, Canoga Park. Ortega was down in the second. Manzano made a visit to the canvas in the final round. Scoring: referee Davis, 59-56, Ortega; judge Thomas, 57-56, Manzano; judge Dr. Jen-Kin, 57-56, Manzano.

Sammy Mejias, 128, North Hollywood, continued his unbeaten run with a third round (0:19) stoppage over usually durable Gabriel Ahmad, 128, Los Angeles, in a scheduled four. Ahmad was down twice in the first and once in the second. Thomas, referee.

Unbeaten prospect Avery Rawls, 201, Los Angeles, closed the show with an inside the distance win over veteran Ben Griffin, 196, Long Beach. Referee Jen-Kin halted the bout at 2:52 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.

(05-02-85)

►**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Joe Ruelas, 126, Placentia, TKO'd newcomer Juan Carlos Hernandez, 128, Los Angeles, ringside physician Dr. Bernhart Schwartz retiring the Guadalajara native in his corner at the end of the third round in a scheduled 10. Ruelas dominated, but the official reason for the stoppage was a cut over Hernandez's right eye. Lou Moret, referee.

Unbeaten Ernie Landeros, 137¾, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Daniel Garcia, 138, Oxnard, in a punishing six. Landeros was most impressive and Garcia was a magnificent loser. Garcia was only one punch away from a stoppage loss several times in the fifth but grittily kept coming to win the final round. Scoring: referee Lou Filippo, 58-56; judge Moret, 58-56; judge Gwen Farrell, 59-57.

Ralph Gutierrez, 122, Los Angeles, won a hotly disputed four-round majority decision over Herman Guillen, 124¾, Los Angeles. Gutierrez boxed classily, but Guillen threw the harder punches. Scoring: referee Filippo, 38-38; judge Moret, 39-37; judge Farrell, 39-37.

Javier Lara, 117, Sepulveda, unanimously outscored Alberto Garcia, 119, Los Angeles, in another very competitive and entertaining four. Garcia's corner protested the verdict, but Lara probably did just enough to be a worthy winner. Scoring: referee Moret, 39-37; judge Farrell, 40-37; judge Filippo, 39-38.

Martin Escobar, 130, Marina Del Rey, confirmed his dominance over Joaquin Garcia, 131, Pasadena, by again winning unanimously over four, not losing a round. Garcia fought without his usual determination. Filippo, referee.

Evelio Perez, 131, Anaheim, hit too hard for Lonnie Donaldson, 132, Los Angeles, who was counted out by referee Filippo at 3:00 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper.

Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.

(05-02-85)

►**IMPERIAL BEACH—Little Las Vegas**—Unbeaten David Gutierrez, 147, San Diego, knocked out overmatched Roderick Starks, 149, Cypress, in 2:08 of the second round in a scheduled six. Pat Russell, referee.

Tim Williams, 162¾, San Diego, kayoed poorly conditioned Darrell Singleton, 172¼, San Francisco, in 2:10 of the second round in a scheduled six. Frank Rustich, referee.

Chris Sims, 191¾, San Diego, unanimously outpointed aggressive but very limited Bennie Garcia, 186, San Diego, four, not losing a round. Russell, referee.

George Murphy, 146½, Compton, overcame a near disastrous first round to stop Alfonso Mack, 148½, San Diego, at 1:49 of the second round in their scheduled four. Both were making their pro debut. Rustich, referee.

Mike Millsap, timekeeper.

Jeffry Putter, ringside physician.

Elson Irwin, ring announcer.

(05-02-85)

►**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Ramon Perez, 175¾, Miami, stunningly kayoed popular David (Maceton) Cabrera, 175, Oaxaca, in just 0:31 of the first round in a scheduled 10. The Dominican put the 41-year-old Cabrera on his seat with a right to the jaw. Maceton rolled over on his back and was counted out by referee Kenny Davis. It was a miserable performance by a fighter who had won the respect of his countrymen by becoming the off and on again Mexican light heavyweight champion despite suffering a permanently disabling injury to his right leg.

Unbeaten Gary Williams, 141½, Pomona, knocked out glass-chinned Benjamin Quinjero, 139, Tijuana, in 1:34 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Quintero was down three times. John Thomas, referee.

Mexican Olympian Genaro Leon, 145, Culiacan, floored and stopped Aaron Brown, 141, Los Angeles, at 1:41 of the first round in their scheduled eight. Leon improved his record to 7-0, all by knockout. Thomas, referee.

In the only bout to go past the first session, Ralph Gutierrez, 122½, again outpointed German Guillen, 124, South Gate, in a hard fought four. Guillen was floored in the second, but came back strongly in the final two rounds. Scoring: referee Thomas, 39-36; judge Davis, 38-37; judge Dr. James Jen-Kin, 38-37—all for Gutierrez.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.

(05-09-85)

►**SAN BERNARDINO—Arena**—Alex Galvan, 129, Bakersfield, scored an excellent win when he stopped local favorite Lorenzo Rodriguez, 127, Riverside, referee Lou Moret intervening at 0:53 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight after Rodriguez had been down twice. Although the official scores through five were close, Galvan (9-4) was clearly the superior fighter.

Emilio Guzman, 147, Commerce, unanimously outpointed Roberto Garcia, 146, Bell Gardens, in a hard fought six which drew a small shower of coins. The taller Guzman (3-1) did well to convincingly outscore a more experienced opponent who always fought back. Scoring: referee Rudy Jordan, 59-57; Judge Moret, 58-56; judge Dr. James Jen-Kin, 58-56.

Down in the third and in serious trouble, last minute substitute Ben Carino, 123, Ewa Beach, Hawaii, came back to floor and halt Israel Bazan, 126, Santa Maria, at 2:12 of the fourth and final round. Jordan, referee.

Frank Martinez, 160, Los Angeles, won a majority decision over Douglas Laws, 159, Los Angeles, in a one-punch-and-clutch four. Martinez reversed a previous defeat, but neither really deserved to win. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 39-37; judge Jordan, 38-38; judge Moret, 39-38.

George Murphy, 148, Compton, and Francisco Diaz, 148, Culver City, brawled to a four-round draw. The final bell was greeted with a fully deserved large shower of money from ringsiders.

Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

Daniel Valles, ring announcer.

(05-10-85)

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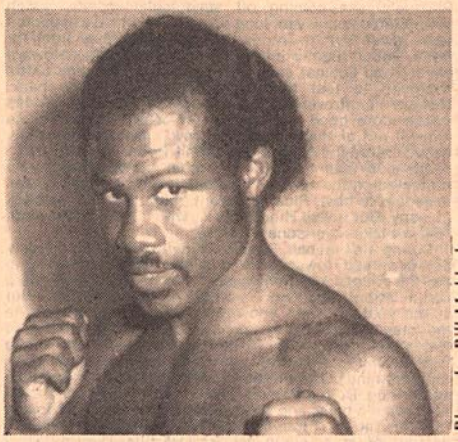

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Undefeated Bernard Taylor extended his record to 31-0-1, 15 KO's, with a unanimous decision over Benji Marquez.

NEVADA

►**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—Bernard Taylor didn't plan on biding his time while waiting for veteran incumbent Eusebio Pedroza of Panama and Ireland's Barry McGuigan to settle the World Boxing Association featherweight championship in London.

The WBA's number one contender from Knoxville, Tenn., is a virtual lock to meet the winner of the 15-round title bout Britain was calling its richest ever with a live gate of more than a million pounds.

Since the opportunity probably won't come until September, Taylor and his connections want at least one or two tuneups.

The 27-year old undefeated challenger doesn't like to be idle too long, complaining he felt "a little rusty" in his last start at the Showboat Hotel-Casino despite an easy 10-round decision over game but outclassed Benji Marquez of Pueblo, Colo., in Top Rank's ESPN main event.

Taylor's beef seemed slightly out of place considering he had decisioned rugged Gerald Hayes February 14 in Atlantic City. Bernard displayed an assortment of skills against the willing Marquez in raising his record to 31-0-1 though failing to record his 16th kayo. The latter's reading dipped to 16-2 with 13 knockouts.

"I'm really not a knockout puncher, but Marquez was awkward to fight," Taylor said. "Marquez slipped some punches and was constantly grabbing to last the distance. He never stung me once, but it was good to get in 10 rounds of work."

Taylor, 125¾, did his biggest damage against Marquez, 127½, with body punches and uppercuts. There were no knockdowns, but in several rounds, it appeared the Colorado newcomer drew a reprieve from the bell.

Ace Miller, who manages and trains Taylor, was slightly miffed at referee Joey Curtis' charge—Bernard was hitting low.

"After the sixth round, Curtis came over and said he would take a point away if Bernard kept hitting low," Miller said. "I didn't see any low blows, although Marquez was getting hurt with some big shots above the belt line. In the seventh and eighth rounds, I told Bernard to forget about the body and go strictly for the head. That way, there could be no arguments."

Taylor, who went 15 rounds with Pedroza to a title draw in 1982, agreed with Miller's contention.

"A couple of times, I wanted to go for a kayo, but Joey kept pushing me off," said the former six-time national amateur champion. "But that's okay. It was a good fight. But I'd rather been in with somebody who was more of a boxer."

Matchmaker Mel Greb wound up with two finalists for ESPN's Western Regional junior middleweight tournament in Zack (Attack) Hewitt of Union City, Calif., and Roman George of Lafayette, La. The pair were scheduled to meet in June for the western 154-pound title.

Hewitt, 152½, scored a mild upset when he stopped Jihad Karriem, 153½, Las Vegas, at 56 seconds of the fourth round in a scheduled eight-round semi-final.

Hewitt improved his record to 9-2 when a right uppercut to the jaw dropped Karriem on the seat of his trunks. Karriem tried to clear his head, but upon rising, he lurched about the ring, prompting referee Davey Pearl to halt the contest. Karriem's mark fell to 13-3, with six kayoes as the loss snapped a 10-fight win skein.

George, 152½, making his western debut, had too many guns for tough Kenneth Releford, 153½, Fort Worth, Tx., in winning a unanimous eight-round decision. The elongated southern southpaw raised his record to 15-0-1 with eight knockouts. Releford slipped to 14-5-1 with 13 kayoes.

Having equal punching power, Releford was always a threat, but George's jarring volleys had the Texan's left eye almost closed by the sixth. George landed big combinations spiced by right uppercuts in the final round. It appeared Curtis was ready to step in when the bell rang.

In the best sustained action of the night, Mario Lesperance, 125½, Vallejo, Ca., rebounded from right-hand knockdowns in the first and second rounds to win a majority six-round decision over Donnie Porter, 122¾, Las Vegas. Lesperance's record is now 9-0 with five kayoes. Porter fell to 2-3.

In scheduled four-round bouts, Tony Davi, 139¼, Las Vegas, stopped Anthony Washington, 135¼, Phoenix, at 1:27 of the first round; Rex Jimmerson, 156, Las Vegas, erased Anthony McFarland, 158, Las Vegas on a TKO at 2:34 of the second, and Tom Lillard, 166¼, Los Angeles, bombed Larrie Welsh, 158, Las Vegas, in 1:40 of the second.

(04-24-85)

JACK WELSH

NEW JERSEY

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino**—Edwin Rosario returned in a cameo role, coming off his title-losing humiliation at the hands of Jose Luis Ramirez. The ex-champ, 138, San Juan, had little difficulty, dispatching trialhorse Edouardo Valdez, 138, E. Orange, in a scheduled 10. The crafty Valdez, no slouch, boxed well for two rounds. But Rosario was merely sizing him up. In the third, Rosario trapped Valdez on the ropes, felling him with a right-hand bomb. The victim arose, but was groggy, and ref Paul Venti waved it over at 1:36. The bout was more significant for portent than content, as Edwin hoped it would springboard him back into major fights. "I have a lot of heart, I'm hungry for my title," he declared. Manager Jim Jacobs proclaimed that the ex-champ had been hurt more in the pocket than the psyche. "Edwin got over it psychologically; that wasn't really too much problem. Where it really hurt him was the wallet. He lost some good money fights."

In the companion 10, Wilfredo Vasquez, 118, Puerto Rico, hit too hard for game Jeff Whaley, 118, Detroit. Jeff was dropped in the second, then battered into a TKO at 2:33 of the third. Randy Neumann, referee.

Chris Reid, 168, Little Silver, N.J., hammered Fred Hollywood Jordan, 168, Norfolk, into a TKO at 1:57 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Fred was down in the third, then took a standing eight and was dropped again in the fourth. Paul Venti, referee.

Chris Diaz, 124, Bronx, dropped Tony Coleman, 124, Trenton, with a left hook in the third, and Tony was not permitted out for the fourth of a scheduled six. Randy Neumann, referee.

Steve Little, 141, Philadelphia, cleaned up on Melvin Richardson, 140, Trenton, scoring a knockdown and standing eight in the fifth, with Mel not allowed out for the sixth and final round. Paul Venti, referee.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).

Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.

Judges—Frank Brunette, Wm. Kostrub, Frank Cairo.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(03-13-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino**—Erratic Mario Maldonado, the guy they usually end up having to find a sub for, this time did the subbing, when stablemate Tony Suero fell out. Mario, 162, Vineland, didn't risk much, as he scored an uneventful unanimous win over Randy Smith, 165¾, Chicago, 10. The Chicago club fighter knew enough to go the distance without serious problems, but was otherwise hardly in the fight. Milo Savage scored it 8-1-1; Thomas Kaczmarek, 8-2; and William Kostrub a shutout. Larry Hazzard refereed.

Pablo DeJesus, 163½, Rochester, made a rare appearance, but impressed, blasting tough David Savage, 157, Philadelphia, with a right hand for a K.O. in 3:01 of the seventh in a scheduled eight. Steve Smoger, referee.

Pat Cutaneo, 145, Jersey City, got a controversial but unanimous decision over Miguel Montero, 149, Philadelphia, in a good six. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Joe Morrone, 168, Glenside, Pa., beat John Cummings, 168¼, Bronx, by unanimous verdict, four. Steve Smoger, referee.

Manuel Gago, 115½, New York, battered Lawrence Cheatham, 113, Philadelphia, into a TKO at the end of round three in a scheduled four. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Billy Picard, 135, Atlantic City, won a narrow, majority verdict over Joe Loving, 133¾, Rochester, four. Steve Smoger, referee.

Promoter—Josephine Abercrombie, Jeff Levine (HBA East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(03-25-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—A sadly familiar story: good fight, bad judging. Prospect Troy (School Boy) Wortham, 147¾, Hartford, and sleeper Roberto (Sugar) Mendez, 148, Philadelphia, battled in a corker for the ESPN Eastern welterweight title. After 10 rounds, Mendez appeared to have won clearly, but the judges had more to do with the outcome than the fighters. William Kostrub knew what he was watching, Frank Cairo didn't, and Lynne Carter didn't seem to appreciate the system. The bout was a crowd pleasing boxing match, in which Mendez appeared the better practitioner of the art. While Wortham skittered around the ring with extra motion and slapping arm-punches, Sugar was poised and economical. He stalked flat-footed, slipped punches, and made his counters count. Once he got the range after the early rounds, Mendez appeared to move solidly into control.

The eventual outcome swung on the eight round. Wortham tried to retreat from a blistering exchange, and was nailed by a perfect left hook that poleaxed him to the floor. Mendez, no puncher, needs an almost perfect shot to drop an opponent, and couldn't find another. Overanxious, he fell through the ropes trying for a finisher, costing him precious time and giving School Boy a recess. Troy paid him back in the 10th, a surprise left hook rocking Sugar badly and giving Wortham a crucial round.

The decision was a textbook case of the confused state of fight scoring. On only three of the rounds could the judges agree unanimously. Kostrub voted 6-4, Mendez; Cairo, 6-4, Wortham; and Carter, 5-5. Inexcusable on the last card was the fact that she tabbed only 5-4 in the eighth, despite Mendez scoring a booming knockdown, and dominating the round (the others had 5-3). Had judge Carter done so, Mendez would have won a deserved verdict, as cards that are even on rounds revert to points. As it was, the bout was even, and had to go to an eleventh round. Wortham started strong, Mendez came on to hurt him, and then School Boy spurted at the end, making the round up for grabs. Carter gave it to Mendez, but Kostrub and Cairo had it for Wortham. Adding all 11 rounds, Cairo had it 7-4, Wortham, but Carter and Kostrub both had 6-5, Mendez. But wait! The Jersey rules throw out the first 10 rounds, and render the verdict only on the 11th! Wortham won that round, two votes to one. And that's how Troy Wortham got to be ESPN Eastern champ. Paul Venti refereed.

The ESPN junior middleweight tournament got underway in the other two bouts. Felipe Montellano, 152¼, Bakersfield, via New York, came off the floor in the first to outlast Lamont Haithcoach, 154¼, Jersey City, in a bruising eight. Kostrub voted 5-3 and Carter 4-3-1, Montellano, while Cairo had it 4-4, but 36-35 in points for the loser. Paul Venti, referee.

Similarly, Darnell Knox, 154½, Detroit, looked like a dead man at the start, being floored in the first by John Jarvis, 153¼, Richmond. But Knox, who's fought tough opponents while John was hidden away in tank towns, made a miraculous turnaround. Confusing Jarvis with a switch-hitting attack, he ground John down in crackling action. The scheduled eight ended in the sixth when three straight right hand bombs dropped Jarvis—ref Ted Pick rescuing him shortly after, at 0:56.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—500 (est.).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(04-05-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—What started out as a lively scrap ended up disappointingly brief, when Geraldo (Jerry) Venzor, 136, Juarez, Mexico, suffered a broken hand TKO loss to Darryl Tyson, 135, Washington, D.C., after only two rounds of a scheduled 10. The outcome would have doubtless been the same, but the fans were deprived of some bristling action. Showing newly developed flair and aggression, the sometimes mechanical and cautious Tyson was simply too good with his hands for the game Mexican. In crackling exchanges, Jerry was dropped by left hooks in the first and second, and suffered a gashed eye. When he failed to answer the bell for the third, claiming an injured right hand, it looked like a cop out. But x-rays later vindicated him, proving the mitt broken. Joe O'Neil, referee.

What the fans lost in the main event, they made up in the semi, as Dave Harris, 183, Huntington, Long Island, took a split decision over Jack Johnson, 178¾, D.C., eight. The touted Harris is a heavy handed southpaw who has trouble if his opponent survives the early shelling. Predictably, he started strong, and had Jack on the floor in the third. But after that, Harris was punched out, and Johnson came on to give him all he wanted. Unfortunately for the loser, he didn't know if he wanted to be Jack Johnson or James Earl Jones, playing to the crowd as often as punching Harris. He also must have preferred the romantic lead, as he took a liking to referee Tony Orlando, hugging and kissing the embarrassed official several times. All this foolery tickled the fans, but turned off two of the judges. While Ron Burns voted 5-2-1, Johnson, both Milo Savage and Al DeVito tabbed 4-3-1, Harris.

In a savage brawl, David Barrow, 169½, Philadelphia, upset ticket seller John Freda, 168, Jersey City, via unanimous decision, six. The game Freda should have beheaded by some of the shots he took early. A standing eight from O'Neil in the third probably saved him from a TKO. The determined loser rallied late, as Barrow tired, but was too far behind.

Promising southpaw Tracy Spann, 136, Plainfield, was too much for Richard Laster, 133¼, Jacksonville, Fla., who didn't last, being dropped for a TKO at 2:32 of the second in a scheduled six. Tony Orlando, referee.

Victor Claudio, 159, Santurce, P.R., demolished "Rocky Salone," 159, Queens, when a booming left hook kayoed him in just 0:35 of the first round in a scheduled four. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,300 (est.).
Timekeeper—Steve Smoger.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(04-02-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Two promising Philadelphians coming off spectacular losses, which precipitated nearly year-long lay-offs, might have expected to be given soft re-entries. But not when they fight for Peltz! Robert (Bam) Hines and Kevin (The Spoiler) Howard were pitted against each other in a make-or-break battle designed to test their determination to come back. Howard's controversial loss to Sugar Ray Leonard did his image more good than harm, but caused him to price himself out of the market. The devil-may-care street kid, honed in rought Philly wars, didn't figure to suffer from much else than rust. On the other hand, Hines, a bit protected on the way up, then destroyed by a guy he was expected to beat, Ricardo Bryant, might have come back gun-shy. But it was Hines, 152¾, who outgutted Howard, 154, in a take-no-prisoners war, 10.

During the first half, Robert's superior hands dominated, as a confused Howard backed up and seemed unwilling to pay the price of switching gears. The southpaw fired sharp combinations, and Kevin had nothing to match them. But in the sixth, Howard showed he wasn't through, as he mounted the resolve to turn it into a brawl and battered Hines along the ropes, bloodying his mouth. The whole fight swung in a blazing seventh, as Kevin shelled Hines on the strands. Then Robert battled his way off to regain center ring. During a savage exchange, Hines ripped a left to Howard's belly, and Kevin wobbled away, blood oozing from his mouth. From there on, it was just a question of whether or not he could last. Howard's left eye was badly gashed in the eighth, and he took a fearsome pounding, but finished. The scoring was unanimous: Richard R. Murry and Al DeVito, both 8-1-1; Ray Hoagland, 7-3. Tony Orlando refereed.

Mike Picciotti, 152, Ridley Park, Pa., mounted a withering body attack that darted back and forth across the border like a troop of fruit pickers, to wear down and stop gritty Charlie Smith, 153, D.C., after six savage rounds of a scheduled 10. Tony Orlando, referee.

Angelo Rottoli, 198, Bergamo, Italy, easily beat Juan Quintana, 208½, Holyoke, by unanimous verdict, eight. The bout started as a mauler, then livened, as Rottoli began pounding the out-of-shape Quintana like a heavy bag. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Promising Vincent Pettway, 140, Baltimore, was getting a tough workout from Steve Mitchell, 137½, Girard, Ohio, until Steve relaxed for just a second and was dropped for a TKO at 2:54 of the eighth and last round. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Steve Petramale, 153¾, Kingston, New York, beat Pat Rozzo, 152¾, Girard, via unanimous decision in a sloppy but spirited four. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd.
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—400 (est.)
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(O4-08-85)

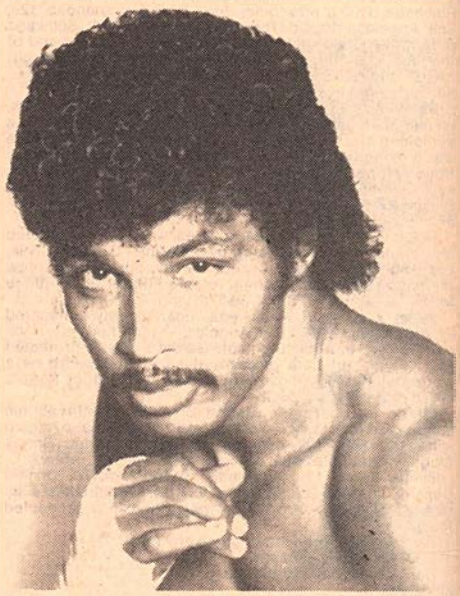
►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Anyone who puts together excellent cards every week is entitled to have an occasional off-night, and Don Elbaum had his. Poncho Carter, 177½, Augusta, Georgia, and Willie (The Bull) Taylor, 177, Brooklyn, began by mixing briskly in a scheduled 10. The used up vet, Taylor, who sometimes takes on the appearance of a heavy bag, was giving a good account of himself this time. But he just couldn't miss fielding Poncho's home run shots with his head, and Carter can hit! A left hook out of a blistering exchange in round three sent Taylor reeling into the ropes, mouth bleeding, and under heavy fire. Ref Frank Cappuccino, figuring Willie'd had enough, didn't bother with the standing eight, but halted the bout at 0:36. Taylor went berserk—not just the usual make-it-look-good antics—and Frank had to pin him in a bear hug until he calmed down. "They all want to be fighters after it's over," Cappuccino cracked.

In the co-feature, Luis Rivera, 159¾, Camden, thoroughly outclassed over-rated Barry Audia, 161¼, Pennington Gap, Virginia, for a unanimous win, 10. Audia showed guts and determination, but little else, as Rivera, on a successful comeback from hand injuries, completely outboxed him, and dropped Barry in the third for emphasis. Steve Smoger, referee.

Bruce Williams, 139, Palmyra, New Jersey, outboxed slick, but uninspired Dave Brown, 140¾, Elizabeth, for a unanimous win in a dull sparring session, six, Steve Smoger, referee.

After one round, ref Cappuccino decided shouldn't-have-a-license oldie Dave Bolden, 151¼, Brooklyn, shouldn't be allowed out against Floyd Peavey, 148¾, Rochester, and stopped the scheduled four.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,100 (est.)
Judges—Milo Savage, Thomas Kaczmarek, Joe Pasquale.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(04-16-85)



Cruiserweight contender Ricky Parkey scored his second straight first-round kayo with a 51-second victory over Bobby Crabtree.

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Ricky Parkey tried to best his record eight-second knockout from his last fight. But his opponent, Bobby Crabtree, being a southpaw, took a little longer to figure out. In a scheduled 10, the handsome, blond Crabtree, 199¾, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, looking like a poster boy for Hitler Youth, never got a chance to show what he had. Parkey, 189¼, Atlantic City, set him up and felled him with a booming right. Upon arising, Crabtree slumped dazed against the ropes, took a few more shots, and referee Ted Pick stopped it at just 0:51 of round one. "I have a surprise technique," Parkey revealed. "I'll keep using it as long as it's working."

Al Martino, 137, Washington, D.C., won a unanimous decision from Raymundo Valdez, 137¼, Monterrey, Mexico, in a lively eight. Martino's jive irritated Valdez, who responded with mugging and after-the-bell fracases. Tony Orlando, referee.

In a mauler between two shot fighters, Randy Mitchum, 147, Lincolnton, N.C., kept busy to beat a lethargic Pete Podgorski, 146½, Chicago, by unanimous verdict, six. Ted Pick, referee.

"Sweet" Kris Golanski, 162½, Lodz, Poland, via Chicago, showed good movement and countering in stopping "Tee Bop" Williams, 161½, Philadelphia, with a standing eight and two knockdowns at 2:24 of the third in a scheduled six. Ted Pick, referee. Reportedly a former member of the Polish national team, yearning to be free, Golanski defected while on tour to find, not the Statue of Liberty, but Cedric Kushner, waiting with a contract.

Rene Resto, 131¼, Springfield, Mass., despite being down in the third, scored a unanimous win over Jesus Perez, 133, Newark, in a solid four. Tony Orlando, referee.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1200 (est.).
Judges—Rocky Castellani, John Stewart, Richard F. Murry.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(04-23-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Old fighters are supposed to win on style, young fighters on drive. But when veterans Eddie Davis and Marvin Johnson met for one last chance at the title, in a division that can't seem to produce a new face, it was Johnson who forgot the script. The WBC had sanctioned the scheduled 12-rounder as an eliminator for Spinks' crown. Such things happen in divisions with only one champ. Originally, a promotional group in the Pacific Northwest, where Davis has often appeared, had the rights. But they were sold to Florida's Ernie Letiziano, who thought he could cash in by putting it in Vegas on the eve of Hagler-Hearns. But when Ernie discovered all the facilities were booked for the "Biggie," he ended up farming his show out to Peltz. Russell put it on as a non-TV card on a Sunday evening, designed primarily to keep high-rollers from leaving town.

They didn't announce their ages in the introductions, but perhaps they should have. Indianapolis' Johnson, 172¾, and 31 years, had stopped Freeport, Long Island's Davis, 174 and 33, years back, and beaten brother John recently. Once the action started, Eddie did rely on guile, conserving his legs, laying back on the ropes, dodging and countering artfully. But Johnson was having none of it. Fighting with the vitality of a colt, he swarmed all over Davis in furious action. Marvin's charges and Eddie's bobbing caused a lot of head banging, with Davis' left eye sliced in the third. But little matter. Cuts or no, Johnson would not be denied. Eddie's right eye was closing by the fourth, and a round later, manager Dennis Rappaport was pleading with Dr. Frank P. Doggett to give his battered warrior just one more chance. With Davis fighting for his life in the sixth, ref Paul Venti called the medic back in, and Doggett halted the fight at 0:59. At the time, judges Frank Cairo and William Kostrub had Marvin ahead, 4-1, while John Stewart appreciated Eddie's artistry, and had it 3-2 for the loser. Just how serious is Marvin? Butch Lewis is trying to stall the title fight already.

Mark Holmes, 164, Easton, got a game effort from unpolished southpaw Arnold Neal, 162, Ft. Lauderdale. Holmes had his mouth bloodied, and was in trouble in the final round, but won a unanimous decision, 10. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Carl Jones, 157¼, Los Angeles, dished out a shellacking to shot veteran Jose Luis Vallejo, 158, Santo Domingo, via unanimous verdict, 10. Hazzard, ref.

Bryan Jones, 120¼, Philadelphia, beat Felix Cortes, 121, Hartford, with a classy display of boxing, by unanimous decision, eight. Hazzard, referee.

Sidney Outlaw, 157, Philadelphia, upset unbeaten Dom Parris, 161, Philadelphia, by split decision in an action eight that could have gone either way. Venti, referee.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sands/Tiger Eye, Ltd.), Ernie Letiziano (Ringside Events).

Matchmaker—Harold Moore.

Attendance—500 (est.).

Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(04-21-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Marlon Starling reactivated his career under new management—businessman Donald Bowers and Richard Sorenson—and defended his USBA welterweight title. The challenger, Floyd Mayweather, has had his own roller-coaster career of hot streaks, upset losses, and lay-offs, including a previous defeat by Starling in '81. The two had bad-mouthed and threatened each other all week, but the bout turned out to be a coldly disciplined strategy match. Though it lacked fireworks, it wasn't short on interest, as Marlon is one of the few fighters around skilled enough to win on guile. Floyd, 147, Grand Rapids, has one of the deepest stances in boxing, keeping his right foot in the bucket, and eschewing movement. Little wonder. He nearly lost a leg from a shotgun blast, and was told he'd never walk. His strategy is to lure his man in, lean back and make him miss, then counter.

This works well against a wade-in banger, but Starling, 145½, Hartford, had a solution. He just switched southpaw, perched himself on Floyd's left shoulder, and worked away with short hooks inside all night. Once "Moochie" fell into his pattern, he controlled the rest of the 12-rounder, punctuated by a flash knockdown of the challenger in the seventh, which many thought a slip. A brilliant battle plan? Naw, Moochie tore the rotator cuff in his left shoulder, and had to improvise. Still, it's refreshing to see a fighter with the skills to do so. The verdict was unanimous for the champion: Harold Lederman, 115-112; Sheila Harmon (Washington, D.C.), 119-108; Bob Watson (Mich.), 117-111. Larry Hazzard refereed.

Sledgehammer-fisted Othal Dixon, 141, Houston, succeeded in the difficult task of stopping tough Sammy Young, 137¼, Troy, N.Y., who was battered to the body so badly he couldn't come out for the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Randy Neumann, referee.

A rematch of a sensational slugfest proved equally explosive, but the decision was a dud. Angel Sindo, 155¼, Deptford, N.J., and Gary Roemhilde, 154½, Philadelphia, rocked and socked each other to a majority draw, eight. Sindo kept up the steadier pressure, and deserved a repeat win. Judge Rudy Battle scored for him, but the normally-reliable Frank Brunette and erratic Lawrence Wallace blew the call. Paul Venti, referee.

Ron Malek, 157, Wichita, and Mark Marciano, 155, S. River, N.J., pounded each other in a crude scheduled six-round brawl. Malek was saved by a standing eight in the second, then came back to TKO Mark with a vicious eye cut at 1:59 of the third. Paul Venti, referee.

Lamont Everett, 136, New York, dropped game Harry (El)

NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION

(As of May 21, 1985)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
David Bey (Pennsylvania)
1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Mike Weaver (California)
3. Jeff Sims (Florida)
4. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
5. Greg Page (Kentucky)
6. James Broad (New Jersey)
7. Gerry Cooney (New York)
8. James (Quick) Tillis (Illinois)
9. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
10. James Smith (North Carolina)
11. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
12. Carl Williams (New York)
13. Pisa Finai (Utah)
14. James (Buster) Douglas (Ohio)
15. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Anthony Davis (California)
USBA Champion
Boone Pultz (Virginia)
1. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
2. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
3. Bashiru Ali (California)
4. Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)
5. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
6. Dwight Braxton (New Jersey)
7. Tony Green (Florida)
8. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
9. Henry Hearns (California)
10. Bernard Benton (Ohio)
11. Broderick Mason (Pennsylvania)
12. Elijah Tillery (New York)
13. Tim Thomas (Colorado)
14. Alex DeLucia (Oregon)
15. Dorcey Gamon (Florida)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Willie Edwards (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
Eddie Davis (New York)
1. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
2. J.B. Williamson (California)
3. David Sears (New York)
4. Prince Mama Muhammad (California)
5. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
6. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
7. Pete McIntyre (California)
8. Tim Broady (New York)
9. Jim MacDonald (Texas)
10. Bobby Jennings (South Carolina)
11. Jerome Clouden (Louisiana)
12. John Davis (New York)
13. Roddy McDonald (Ontario)
14. Tyrone Booze (Connecticut)
15. Grover Robinson (California)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
2. James Kinchen (California)
3. Don Lee (Indiana)
4. Doug DeWitt (New York)
5. John Collins (Illinois)
6. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
7. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
8. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
9. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
10. Alex Hilton (Quebec)
11. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
12. Mike Olajide (British Columbia)
13. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
14. Alex Ramos (New York)
15. Tony Suero (Pennsylvania)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
USBA Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
2. Fred Hutchings (California)
3. Davey Moore (New York)
4. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
5. Richard Greene (Oregon)
6. Ricardo Bryant (Pennsylvania)
7. Gonzalo Montez (Mexico)
8. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
9. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
10. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
11. James Green (New Jersey)
12. Mardo Roybal (California)
13. Thomas Smith (Texas)
14. Don Shiver (Florida)
15. Troy Darrell (New York)

WELTERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Pedro Villela (New York)
USBA Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. David Hilton (Quebec)
3. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
4. Simon Brown (D.C.)
5. Floyd Mayweather (Michigan)
6. Rudy Hernandez (California)
7. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
8. Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
9. Luis Santana (California)
10. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
11. Donny Poole (Ontario)
12. Herman Montes (California)
13. Lanny Edmond (Michigan)
14. Sanford Ricks (New Jersey)
15. Robert Rucker (New York)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Ronnie Shields (Texas)
USBA Champion
Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
1. Aaron Pryor (Ohio)
2. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
3. Mitchell Julian (California)
4. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
5. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
6. Tony Baltazar (California)
7. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
8. Othal Dixon (Texas)
9. Darryl Fuller (Tennessee)
10. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
11. Andy Nance (California)
12. Saoul Mamby (New York)
13. Kel Robin (Florida)
14. Efren Olivo (Texas)
15. Pat Jefferson (Oregon)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
NABF Championship
Hector Camacho (New York)
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
2. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
3. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
4. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
5. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
6. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
7. John Montes (California)
8. Robin Blake (Texas)
9. Melvin Paul (Louisiana)
10. Rocky Montoya (Mexico)
11. Terrence Alli (New Jersey)
12. Remo DiCarlo (Ontario)
13. Nick Furlano (Ontario)
14. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
15. Chris Calvin (Tennessee)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
USBA Champion
Roger Mayweather (Michigan)
1. Frankie Baltazar (California)
2. Bobby Chacon (California)
3. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
4. Margarito Marquez (Texas)
5. Ruben Castillo (California)
6. Dennis Cruz (New Jersey)
7. Ron Gary (Arizona)
8. Kenny Baysmore (Washington, D.C.)
9. Myron Taylor (Pennsylvania)
10. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
11. Raphe Sims (Texas)
12. Efrain Nieves (Wisconsin)
13. Guy Villegas (Oregon)
14. Cubanito Perez (California)
15. Louie Burke (New Mexico)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Jackie Beard (Michigan)
USBA Champion
Irving Mitchell (California)
1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
3. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
4. Dana Roston (Nevada)
5. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
6. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
7. Adrian Arreola (California)
8. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
9. Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
10. Roger Aravelo (Mexico)
11. J.L. Ivey (Michigan)
12. Benji Marquez (Michigan)
13. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
14. Jorge (Rocky) Garcia (Calif.)
15. Paul DeVorce (New York)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Mike Ayala (Texas)
USBA Champion
Oscar Muniz (California)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Martin Castro (Mexico)
3. Celso Munoz (Mexico)
4. Kenny Mitchell (New York)
5. Lupe Pintor (Mexico)
6. Juan Veloz (New York)
7. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
8. Carlos Flores (Texas)
9. Sylvester Kennon (Missouri)
10. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)
11. Pascual Arranda (Texas)
12. Carlos Segura (Mexico)
13. Leo Martinez (Mexico)
14. Hector Cortez (New York)
15. Luis Espinosa (Mexico)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
USBA Champion
Gaby Canizales (Texas)
1. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
2. Harold Petty (Texas)
3. Hurley Snead (Michigan)
4. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
5. Gilbert Roman (Mexico)
6. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
7. James Pipps (Texas)
8. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
9. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
10. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
11. James Manning (Oregon)
12. Rommie Navarrete (Hawaii)
13. Roberto Ramirez (Mexico)
14. George Garcia (California)
15. Rodolfo Martinez (Mexico)

FLYWEIGHTS
NABF Champion
Alonzo Gonzalez (California)
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
3. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
4. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
5. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
6. Mario Gonzalez (Mexico)
7. Ernesto (Che) Guevara (Mexico)
8. Enrique Aguilar (Mexico)
9. Raul Valdez (Mexico)
10. Eleoncio Mercedes (Mexico)
11. Marco Antonio Benitez (Mexico)
12. Ian Clyde (California)
13. Felix Marquez (Connecticut)
14. Armando Cordova (Mexico)
15. Ron Cisneros (Colorado)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
NABF Championship
Vacant
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. German Torres (Mexico)
3. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
4. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
5. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
6. Babe Luis (Mexico)
7. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
8. Luis Hernandez (Mexico)
9. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
10. Ismael Benitez (Mexico)
11. Aaron Garcia (Mexico)
12. Javier Davila (Mexico)
13. Candelario Carmona (Mexico)
14. Fili Gonzalez (Mexico)
15. Ricardo Sosa (Mexico)

Toro, 134¾, Bayonne, in the second, then battered him into a TKO at 0:49 of the fourth and last round of a sensational bout. Paul Venti, referee.

Billy Barnes, 150½, Bethlehem, Pa., dropped karate king Dino (Mad Dog) Newville, 154, Grand Rapids, in the first, but faded, ran into trouble in the third, and was lucky to get a majority decision, four. Randy Neumann, referee.

Promoters—Elbaum & Menas, HBA East, Cedric Kushner.

Matchmakers—Don Elbaum, Ron Katz.

Attendance—800 (est.).

Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(04-26-85)

J. R. JOWETT

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel-Casino**—Frankie (Panchito) Warren, 141¾, Corpus Christi, filled in for stablemate Johnnie Bumphus (who had the flu) on four days' notice. The little one was ready. He got a third round TKO win over Rick Kaiser, 141¼, Omaha, Neb., when Rick was retired on his stool between rounds three and four.

Kaiser was floored late in round two by a short right and dropped in round three by a left hook. It was the scheduled 10-round main-event of the evening and the ref was Frank Cappuccino. Warren is now 15-0 with 11 kayoes.

In a bout that followed the above, Nicky Wilshire, 155¼, Bristol, England, won a 10-round unanimous decision over Jake Torrence, 156¾, Gary, Ind. Scores: Richard F. Murry, 9-1; Tommy Kaczmarek, 8-1-1; Al DeVito, 10-0. Round eight was taken from Torrence (he lost it anyway) by referee Joe Cortez for "constant holding." No knockdowns.

A scheduled eight-round bout between Chris Reid, 168½, Little Silver, N.J. and Pop Nance, 171¾, Trenton, N.J., ended as "no contest" at 1:51 of round two. An "unintentional butt" opened up a nasty gash over the left eye of Reid. Dr. Doggett got in the ring to examine it and then stopped the bout. The ref was Cortez.

David Roriguez, 132¼, Bronx, turned pro with a four-round unanimous decision over southpaw veteran Timmy Daniels, 130, Trenton, N.J. No knockdowns; ref was Cappuccino. Daniels suffered two small cuts by each eye.

In a spirited opening bout, Kevin Vieldhouse, 147¼, Wayne, N.J., won a six-round unanimous decision over Calvin Barnett, 145½, Bronx. Barnett was dropped in rounds three and five. The ref was Cortez. Scores: DeVito, 5-1; Murry, 4-1-1; Kaczmarek, 5-0-1.

Main Events, Inc.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

(04-24-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel-Casino**—Rugged Tommy Cordova, 127, Albuquerque, New Mexico, came east for the first time and proved that his style can be appealing, no matter the venue. Of course, it takes two to tango, and foe Kelvin Seabrooks, 124, Charlotte, N.C., was no slouch, either. It was just a matter of Cordova being physically stronger.

This bout didn't need any knockdowns; the crowd knew they saw two professionals giving all they had. Cordova backed Kelvin up for most of the night and Kelvin literally had to punch his way off the ropes and out of trouble on numerous occasions. Countless exchanges sparked much applause. The strength of Tommy, who has boxed as a junior lightweight, was just too much for a blown up bantam in Seabrooks.

Cordova took a 10-round unanimous decision. The scores: Eva Shain, 7-3; Al DeVito, 5-4-1; Rudy Battle, 6-3-1. *The Ring* had it 7-2-1, Cordova. The referee was Frank Cappuccino.

John Meekins, 139, New York, upped his record to 6-0 (six kayoes) with a third round knockout over Jose Luis Alejandro, 139¾, Caguas, Puerto Rico. The time was 0:33. Meekins pressured his southpaw foe throughout the brief encounter. Jose was finally cornered and dropped. It looked as if all the fight was taken out of him and he didn't attempt to get up until the final count. It was scheduled for eight rounds; ref was Joe O'Neil.

Alberto Quinones, 141, Queens, N.Y., took a six-round majority decision over Lindell Gonzalez, 141¾, Brooklyn, N.Y. Scores: DeVito, 3-2-1; Shain, 5-1; Battle 3-3. The ref was O'Neil.

John Freda, 172¾, Jersey City, N.J., scored a TKO win over John Davila, 164¼, Lorain, Ohio, at 1:20 of round two in a scheduled six. Davila was down once in each round. The ref was Cappuccino.

Victor Claudio, 159½, San Juan, Puerto Rico, won by K.O. at 0:18 of round five over Randy Jenkins, 163¼, New York. It was scheduled for six: the ref was O'Neil. Jenkins, beaten early in the fight, came back to drop Claudio with a left hook in round four. Neither had much left at this time and one right hand by Claudio sent Jenkins crashing to the canvas; no count was needed. Round two had been taken from Claudio for low blows. This was a rematch of a close four decision win by Claudio.

Timekeeper—Steve Smoger.

Promoter—Top Rank.

Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.

(05-02-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel-Casino**—"Sometimes you just don't have it. The man flat out beat me." When a guy says that, you know he lost. The man who said that was Dennis Cruz, and what he lost was his NABF super featherweight title. Cruz, 130, Bronx, New York, made no excuses, in this, his first defense. He was not hiding behind earlier news that he had to lose four a half pounds in less than two days.

The southpaw New Yorker lost by unanimous decision over twelve rounds to Dwight Pratchett, 129½, Gary, Ind. The scores were: Bob Watson, 115-113; Milo Savage, 115-114; Frank Brunette, 116-112. *The Ring* card had it 116-114.

Using a consistent straight right hand, Pratchett was able to back Cruz to the ropes on numerous occasions. Dennis, who has a habit of fighting off the ropes, found he just wasn't strong enough to fend off his foe. Even by digging solid shots to the body, Cruz could not discourage his opponent. The fight was even after six, and for a brief period it looked as if Cruz was starting to get to him with those body blows. However, it was Cruz who lost all power down the stretch, as Pratchett swept rounds nine through 12 on *The Ring* card. The referee was Paul Venti.

The crowd got behind the underdog, Pratchett, early on, and he did not let them down. After being shutout on all cards in a six-round loss to Meldrick Taylor earlier this year, he defeats a near world class fighter over 12. You figure it out.

Terrence Simpson, 159, Bronx, scored a TKO win over southpaw Robert Thomas, 162, Philadelphia, when the bout was stopped at 2:59 of round five in a scheduled six. The ref was Steve Smoger. The ever tricky Thomas was giving the inexperienced (now 7-0) Simpson some problems, but Thomas' rubbery movements backfired on him in the fifth. Turning side-ways, he caught a left hook in the ribs and went down. He got up but was in obvious pain. The bout was stopped and he was advised to go to the hospital.

Antoine Lark, 147, Gary, Ind., won a six-round split decision over Mike Peoples, 148, Monticello, N.Y. The ref was Venti. Scores: Rocky Castellani and Joe Pasqual both 6-0, Lark; Lynn Carter, 4-2, Peoples.

Kevin Watts, 161, Pleasantville, N.J., scored a fifth round TKO over Willie Perry, 156, Monticello, N.Y. The time was 1:34, as ref Smoger stopped the bout when Perry arose unsteadily from a solid left uppercut knockdown. Watts was ahead at the time. The bout was scheduled for six.

Gary Hope, 182, Liverpool, England, won an opening four-round unanimous decision over tall Charles Taylor, 180, the Bronx. Taylor was dropped by a left hook in the fourth, and received a standing eight-count earlier in the same session. It was the pro debut for Hope, who has very little. The referee was Venti.

Promoter—Main Events.

Ring Announcer—Ed Darien.

(05-15-85)

JACK OBERMAYER

NEW YORK

►**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Troy Darrell, 156, New Rochelle, New York, TKO'd Aristides (Kike) Merced, 152, Arecibo, Puerto Rico, at 2:04 of round six in the scheduled 10-round main event. Nick Drake, referee. Darrell is now 17-0 with 16 kayoes.

Jose Quinones, 159½, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Horacio Perez, 158, Colombia, at 0:26 of the fourth round in a scheduled 12 for the vacant Continental Americas middleweight title. Quinones, who received a beautiful championship belt from North American representative Marty Cohen, is now 18-7-2 with 14 knockouts. Perez is 9-2-2 with six kayoes. John LoBianco, referee.

Miguel (Frito) Garcia, 140, La Perla, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Francis, 137½, Brooklyn, eight. Scoring: George DeGabriel, 5-3; Bernie Friedkin, 6-2; Ed Post, 7-1. Garcia is now 8-2-2. Francis is 7-3-1. Oscar Perez, referee.

Iran (The Blade) Barkley, 160, Bronx, TKO'd Norberto Sabater, 156½, Brooklyn, at 2:25 of the second in their scheduled eight-rounder. Sabater was down twice in round two. Nick Drake, referee.

Michael Jefferson, 165½, Bronx, a southpaw, TKO'd Eddie Sanchez, 161, Bronx, at 1:30 of the first round in a scheduled four. John LoBianco, referee.

Richard Quiles, 156, Brooklyn, won a unanimous (4-0 on all three cards) decision over Ormand Lewis, 151, Brooklyn, in the four-round curtain raiser. Oscar Perez, referee.

Timekeeper—Vincent Abbatiello (subbing for his dad).

(04-26-85)

►**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Troy Darrell, 157½, racked up his 18th straight win, going the distance against Bruce Jackson, 157, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 10. Scoring: Carol Castellano, 8-2; Peter Heller, 10-0; Victor Suarez, 6-3-1. *The Ring* had it 7-3. Arthur Mercante, referee. Jackson is now 12-11-1 with six kayoes. However, he's been in there with the best.

Tyrone Jackson, 127¾, New York, TKO'd Juan (Chiqui) Torres, 126, Caguas, Puerto Rico, at 2:33 of the second in their scheduled 10-rounder. Vinnie Ferguson, referee.

Veteran Larry Alexander, 235, Jersey City, TKO'd Mike (The Giant) White, 252, Bay City, Mich., at 2:59 of round nine in another scheduled 10. Fred Ucci, referee.

Floyd (The Mangler) Peavy, 146½, Rego Park, New York, kayoed Leland Hart, 145½, Atlanta, Georgia, in 1:56 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Vinnie Ferguson, referee.

Richard Quiles, 156¾, Brooklyn, kayoed Ricky Bennett, 154, Jamaica, Queens, New York, with a shot to the body in 2:54 of the third round in a scheduled four. Arthur Mercante, referee.

Derrick Everett, 139½, New York, TKO'd William Mirabal, 141, Bronx, at the end of round two in the scheduled four-round curtain raiser. Mirabal was down twice in that session. Fred Ucci, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Ring Announcer—Dr. Marvin Goldberg.

(05-10-85)

Junior middleweight Troy Darrell has every reason to smile after racking up 18 straight victories.

►**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—James (Buddy) McGirt, 144½, Brentwood, New York, won a unanimous decision over Allen Braswell, 143½, Brooklyn, 10. Scoring: Paddy Dolan, 10-0; Bernie Friedkin, 8-2; Al Reid, 9-1. Larry Hazzard, referee. McGirt is now 19-0-1 with 17 kayoes. Braswell is 15-10-1 with 11 knockouts.

Iran (The Blade) Barkley, 161, Bronx, won a unanimous decision over Randy Smith, also 161, Chicago, 10. Barkley is now 12-3 with eight knockouts. Smith is 15-4 with 12 kayoes. Scoring: Dolan, 8-2; Friedkin, 7-3; Reid, 10-0. Paul Venti, referee.

Victor Acosta, 134, Carolina, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous (all cards 4-2) decision over Elias (Tiger) Martinez, 133, Ponce, P.R., six (originally scheduled for eight). This was the walk-out contest, following the main. Al LoBianco, referee.

Arthur Anthony Holt, 157, Brooklyn, returned to the ring for the first time since his devastating kayo loss to Randy Smith by winning a unanimous decision over Danny Blake, 165, Milwaukee, eight. Scoring: Dolan, 6-2; Friedkin and Reid, both 7-1. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Greg Jones, 158, Newark, New Jersey, won an upset and disputed unanimous decision over Anthony (The Baby Tank) Gordon, 161, Jamaica, New York, four. Scoring: Dolan, 2-1-1; Friedkin and Reid, both 3-1. Al LoBianco, referee.

Tom (Pinky) Bunting, 179½, Washington Heights, New York, won a unanimous (all cards 3-1) decision over Art (The Bull Dog) Rogers, also 179½, Brooklyn, in the four-round curtain raiser. Al LoBianco, referee.

Four other scheduled four-round contests were not used.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Ring Announcer—Dr. Marvin Goldberg.

(05-24-85)

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PENNSYLVANIA

►**WAYNE—Covered Wagon Inn**—A second promoter moved into an abandoned Peltz venue, this time a reactivated Bob Connelly, in the wake of the Brandywine Club's success just down the road. In the main event, Marvin Mack, 167, Philadelphia, kayoed Stanley Scott, 164, Cleveland, in 0:43 of the second. It was a typical Scott performance, with Marvin surviving a *kamikaze* attack to have Stanley in trouble by the end of the first, then deflating him with a left hook to the ribs in the next session. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

In a sensational battle, prospect-to-watch Kelvin Kelly, 179½, Philadelphia, shelled "Stingray" McCarthy, 178, Easton, in the first, then got a solid workout in taking a unanimous win, six. Cappuccino, ref.

Fran Gillon, 133, Upper Darby, returned after seven years, and turned in a surprisingly sharp effort with a split decision over Scott (Little Red) Derr, 134, Shillington, four. Gillon completely outboxed Derr, then dropped him in the third when he tried to turn it into a brawl. Ozzie Sadler, ref.

Greg Haley, 160, Mont Clare, survived some first round fireworks to wear out and TKO Ray Daniels, 166, Philadelphia, after three rounds of a scheduled four. Cappuccino, referee.

Tony Rowan, 177, Phoenixville, the son of '50s contender Joey Rowan, debuted and showed solid combination punching to drop and kayo Mike Thomas, 184, Philadelphia, in 1:56 of the first round in their scheduled four. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Steve Little, 142½, Philadelphia, TKO'd pathetic

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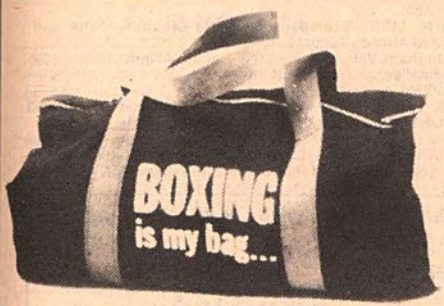

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stumblebum Dwayne Galloway, 144, Columbus, Ohio, at 3:04 of the first round in a scheduled six; two knockdowns. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Jimmy Ruoff, 175, Shillington, kayoed "Louis Bell" (this is not a single person, but a name used by several off-the-street opponents), 178, Philadelphia, in 2:01 of the first round in a scheduled four. Ozzie, referee.

Matchmaker—Ken Hissner.
Attendance—600. Gross—$8,000 (est.).
Judges—Carol Polis, Joe O'Neil, Harold Lederman.
Timekeeper—J. P. Mina.
Announcer—Bill DiAddezio.
(04-10-85)

►**PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle**—Promoter Joe Hand didn't want to invest in a major card just days before Hagler-Hearns, but didn't want to break his string here, either. So he ran an all-undercard show, with the bouts so evenly matched that not a single knockdown was scored all evening.

In the top bout, hot prospect Monty Sherrick, 132, Fishtown, easily defeated returning Angel Gonzales (fighting as "Levi Elbaum"), 132, N. Philadelphia, by unanimous decision, six. One of the most experienced local amateurs, Sherrick hasn't yet managed to put his moves together as a pro, but could be a threat if he does. Charlie Sgrillo refereed.

Cutie Miguel Montero, 154, N. Philadelphia, got more agressive with easy-to-hit Joey Ropeno, 155¼, Reading, and pounded out a unanimous win, six. Tommy Reid, referee.

Chris Guest, 158, N.E. Philadelphia, stung Gary Colon, 163½, Reading, into a shell in the first, and went on to an easy, unanimous win, four. Tommy Reid, ref.

Ronnie Washington, 141, N. Philadelphia, upset returning Scott Owens, 143¼, Kensington, by split decision in a toe-to-toe struggle, four. Charlie Sgrillo, ref.

Lonnie Adams, 150½, W. Philadelphia, and crowd-pleaser Doug Powers, 150, Germantown, battled to a three-way split draw in an exciting four. Tommy Reid, ref.

Anthony DeShields, 138½, N. Philadelphia, upset a disappointing Marvin Young, 134, W. Philadelphia, by majority decision, in a spirited but amateurish four.

Charlie Sgrillo, referee.
Matchmaker—Gary Hegyi.
Attendance—700. Gross—$7,000 (est.).
Judges—Adalaide Tyndale, Joe O'Neil, Frank Cappuccino.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Announcer—Guy DeStefano.
(04-11-85)

►**CHADDS FORD—Brandywine Club**—The new promoters here came right back with their second card, another smash success. In the top bout, star attraction Henry Milligan, 188, Wilmington, at least had an identifiable opponent this time in Burt Reed. Practicing more discretion than valor, Reed, 194, Philadelphia, was knocked down twice in the first round for a TKO at 2:59; scheduled six. Charlie Sgrillo refereed.

Nate Godbolt, 155, Philadelphia, a losing fighter who's always matched tough and gives a good account, finally got a break against Al Ferro, 153, Glenolden, Pa. Ferro was slightly ahead after five of six rounds in a solid slugfest, but suffered a cut left eye, and was not allowed out for the final session. Tommy Reid, referee.

Monty Sherrick, 135, Kensington, made a tough opponent look easy, dishing out a solid beating to Ronnie Washington, 138, Philadelphia, via a unanimous decision, six. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Doug Pettiford, 125, Wilmington, outhustled shifty southpaw James Ayers, 128, Philadelphia, for a majority win in a good four. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Steve Sheeran, 162, Upper Darby, TKO'd fainthearted Terry Frazier, 163, Mt. Airy (Philadelphia), who turned away after a solid left hook at 1:11 of the first round in a scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Promoters—Raymond and Charlie Messina.
Matchmaker—Pat Duffy.
Attendance—SRO, 700. Gross—$7,000 (est.).
Judges—Adalaide Tyndale, Joe O'Neil, Jack Obermayer.
Timekeeper—J. P. Mina.
Announcer—Ray Messina.
(04-17-85)

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►**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—Darryl Martin, 137, Philadelphia, continued his recent winning ways with a second round TKO win over David Turner, 140, Baltimore. Turner was not allowed out for round three. The ringside physician recommended the stoppage to referee Frank Cappuccino because of a deep cut on the outside corner of Turner's right eye.

Martin, though outweighed, looked much bigger and stronger than the visitor. Martin was in control throughout and early in round two, had dropped Turner with a short left hook. It would only be a matter of time, even if Turner was game. The bout was scheduled for eight rounds.

In what could be termed World War II, Brian McGinley, 153, Philadelphia, took an eight-round unanimous decision over Kenny Brown, 152, Philadelphia. In their initial meeting back in February, Brown had scored an upset six-round majority decision in a war.

This donnybrook nearly melted the paint. Brown was battered and dropped in round two. He was butted to the canvas in round three, but no points were taken from McGinley by referee Joe O'Neil. McGinley was warned on numerous occasions thereafter for use of the head and pushing with the arms/elbows.

Brown took to landing a few decent low blows along the way and got his share of warnings. Brown had his right eye closing by fight's end, while McGinley had the same problem with his left eye. Scoring: Harold Lederman, 38-33; Lynn Carter, 37-35; Carol Polis, 38-35. *The Ring* saw it 37-34. World War III, anyone?

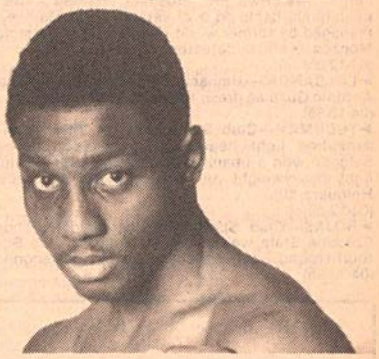
In the pro debut for both, Ricky Diaz, 114, Philadelphia, kayoed Willie Davis, 111, Harrisburg, Pa. in 0:54 of the third, scheduled for four. Diaz was just too strong for Davis, but it was exciting while it lasted. Davis was dropped just that one time and barely missed beating the count of ref Tommy Reid.

Andre Haddock, 155, Philadelphia, made a successful pro debut with a fourth round TKO over Kevin Fulton, 157½, Philadelphia. The time was 2:27. The taller Fulton was down once earlier in that round. Scheduled for four; ref was Cappuccino.

Curt Adams, 135½, Philadelphia, ruined the pro debut of Daniel Sally, 136, Philadelphia, by taking a four-round unanimous decision. No knockdowns, ref was O'Neil.

Ali Saad Muhammad, 140, Philadelphia, and Rick Henderson, 140, Philadelphia, battled to a four-round draw. Each got a vote and one was even. The ref was Tommy Reid. Muhammad looked to be the winner. He finished strong and was deprived of a knockdown when Henderson was punched through the ropes in the fourth but nothing was called. Ali is a southpaw. Both are now 2-2-1.

Timekeeper—J.P. Mena.
Promoter—Sands/Tiger Eye (Peltz)
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—750 (est.).
(04-23-85)



Light heavyweight Vaughn (Turtle) Hooks had easy pickings scoring his ninth pro win when Arthur Hall visited the canvas three times in the first round.

►**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—What can you say? Why, even Sandy Koufax had off days. This night was certainly one for promoter J. Russell Peltz, usually the best in the business for good quality at affordable prices.

In the scheduled eight-round main-event, Vaughn Hooks, 175, Philadelphia, scored a TKO win over Arthur Wright, 175, Brooklyn, at 2:26 of the first round. Three knockdowns and it was out the door by 9:30. Wright was a three-day sub for Dawud Shaw, who was a sub for Billy Saunders. The ref was Charlie Sgrillo. Hooks is now 9-0, four by knockout.

The remaining five bouts on the card were scheduled for four. Mike Goudeau, 145, Philadelphia, scored a TKO win over Mike Duncan, 143½, D.C., at 1:43 of round one. One knockdown of Duncan, who arose at seven; but referee Ozzie Sadler stopped it right then.

In a bout involving two kids turning pro, Ed Fisher, 116½, Philadelphia, kayoed Darnell Adams, 116, D.C., in 2:23 of round one. The switch-hitting (really, from a lack of anything resembling a preconceived offense) Adams was dropped twice. The ref was Tommy Reid.

In the only competitive bout of the evening, Al Shoffner, 174, Philadelphia, TKO'd Jamal Johnson, 174, Philadelphia, at 0:49 of the fourth. *The Ring* gave Johnson rounds one and three. He was knocked down however in round two and again in the fourth, causing referee Sadler to halt the bout.

Howard Stewart, 147½, Philadelphia, made a successful pro debut as he scored a second round TKO over Johnny Ray Wilson, 149, Philadelphia. The time was 1:14; no knockdowns; ref was Sgrillo. Stewart has some ability.

Anthony Boyle, 124, Philadelphia, TKO'd debuting Gary Gordon, 133, D.C., at 2:06 of round two. No knockdowns, Gordon was just outclassed by the now 4-0 Boyle. The ref was Reid.

Chris Cline was seen working the corners of Duncan, Adams, and Gordon. Peltz should have known better.

Judges—Harold Lederman, Adalaide Triplett, Carol Polis.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mena.
Promoter—Tiger Eye (Sands) and Peltz.
Attendance—360 (est.).
(05-14-85)

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SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

►**CIPOLLETTI—Club San Martin**—Hugo (Pajarito) Hernandez halted Sergio Loyola in three, junior welters. Hernandez is now 34-0-1 with one no contest. He has scored 27 kayoes.
(04-12-85)

►**SALTA—Club Salta**—Carlos Manuel del Valle Herrera, 156, knocked out South American welterweight champion Alfredo Lucero, also 156, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. This was Herrera's first bout since his kayo loss to Tony Ayala in November, 1982.
(04-12-85)

►**COMODORO RIVADAVIA—Club Ingeniero Huergo**—Junior welterweight prospect Ramon Jara won a unanimous decision over veteran Julio Melone, 10. Jara, managed by former world middleweight champion Carlos Monzon, is still undefeated.
(04-12-85)

►**LA BANDA—Gimnasio Olimpico**—Carlos Laciar and Antonio Guzman drew, 10, junior featherweights.
(04-12-85)

►**TUCUMAN—Club Defensores de Villa Lujan**—Former Argentine light heavyweight champion Jorge (Violin) Salgado won a unanimous decision over Tucuman State light heavyweight and cruiserweight title holder Jose Helguera, 10.
(04-12-85)

►**ROJAS—Club Sport**—Ramon Abeldano knocked out Cordoba State welterweight champion Luis Sosa in the fourth round. Sosa was down twice in the second.
(04-13-85)

►**SANTA FE—Club Regatas**—Jacinto Fernandez won a split decision over Juan Carlos Fernandez, 10, light heavies.
(04-18-85)

►**POSADAS—Club Jorge Gibson Brown**—Junior welterweight Lorenzo Garcia knocked out Jorge Luis Perez in round one.
(04-19-85)

►**CORRIENTES—Club Cordoba**—Argentine bantamweight champion Lucio (Metralleta) Lopez knocked out experienced Luis Gerez in the second round. The sensational Lopez is now 13-0 with 10 kayoes.
(04-19-85)

►**RESISTENCIA—Club Hindu**—Jose Cubilla, 129, won an upset split decision over Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramon (Moncho) Dominguez, 128, 10.
(04-19-85)

►**CONCEPCION DEL URUGUAY—Club Rocamora**—Argentine flyweight champion Alberto Pacheco and former champion Ramon Horacio Albers drew, 10.
(04-19-85)

►**RIO CUARTO—Club Central Argentino**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Victor Robledo won a unanimous decision over Juan Carlos (Panchito) Rodriguez, 10.

Raul Roque Blanco halted Bolivian Carmelo Cazon Cadena in two, junior lightweights.

Alberto Cortez stopped Pedro Quiroga, in two, lightweights.
(04-19-85)

►**TUCUMAN—Club Defensores de Villa Lujan**—Catamarca State lightweight champion Luis Soto halted Cordoba State champ Hector Diaz in four.
(04-19-85)

►**ROSARIO—Club Sportivo America**—Local welter Sergio Combis knocked out Luis Rolando Seguin in nine.
(04-19-85)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Paraguayan light heavyweight champion Juan Carlos Gimenez, 159, TKO'd Argentine and South American middleweight champion Roberto Ruiz, also 159, in round seven.

This was Gimenez's first bout in the middleweight division. He is short for a light heavy.
(04-20-85)

►**SALTA—Club Salta**—Adolfo Arce Rossi outpointed Sergio Britez, 10, junior welterweights.
(04-26-85)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Faustino Barrios stopped young Roberto (Rocky) Defooz in the second. Barrios, a junior lightweight, is now 27-11-12 and two no contests with eight kayoes. Defooz is 24-2 with 15 knockouts.
(04-27-85)

►**MENDOZA—Asociacion Mendocina de Box**—Foremr WBA junior bantamweight champion Gustavo Ballas, 115, stopped Chilean champion Guillermo Manrique in round seven.

Ramon Soria easily outpointed Cesar Villarruel, 10, featherweights.
(05-03-85)

►**SANTA ROSA—Club San Martin**—Local junior middleweight Luis Bazan outscored Oscar Sosa, 10.

Hugo Marinangelis halted Juan Carlos Ledesma in the first round, junior middles.
(05-03-85)

►**RESISTENCIA—Club Hindu**—Unbeaten middleweight Dario Mattioni stopped Geronimo Ramirez in round three. Mattioni is managed by Carlos Monzon.
(05-03-85)

►**TUCUMAN—Club Defensores de Villa Lujan**—Luis Soto and Daniel Murua drew, 10, lightweights. Split draw.
(05-03-85)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Fernando Sosa retained his Argentine featherweight title with a split decision over Jose Mario Lopez, 12. The scores were 117-116, Sosa (twice), and 117-117.
(05-04-85)

►**SALTA—Club Salta**—Argentine junior lightweight champion Pedro Armando Gutierrez and veteran featherweight Hipolito Nunez drew, 10.
(05-10-85)

►**SANTA FE—Club Gimnasia y Esgrima**—Argentine flyweight champion Alberto Pacheco and former champion Hector Patri drew, 10.

Carlos del Valle Herrera outscored veteran Horacio Contreras, 10, junior middles.
(05-10-85)

►**BARRANQUERAS**—Light heavyweight Angel Caro and middleweight Eduardo Coontreras drew, 10.
(05-10-85)

►**SAN LUIS—Sociedad Espanola**—Ramon Jofre outpointed Alfredo Yacanto, 10, heavies.

Abraham Valenzuela halted Hector Alvarez in the 10th and final session, lightweights.
(05-10-85)

►**LA RIOJA—Club Juventud**—Alberto Cortes stopped Norberto Reyna in the first round, lightweights.
(05-10-85)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Juan Martin (Latigo) Coggi halted Ramon Jara in the seventh. Jara was

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down in round one.
(05-11-85)

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►**LIMA—Estadio Macional**—Peruvian light heavyweight prospect Felipe Guzman outpointed Dunio Mercado, Ecuador, 10. The 22-year-old Guzman had stopped Sonny Jones, Dennis Gonzalez, and John Robinson in Miami. He is now unbeaten in 10 contests.
(02-09-85)
►**HUARAL**—Peruvian junior lightweight champion Orlando Romero Uribe outscored former Latin American featherweight champion Freddy Chumpitaz, 10. (Romero Uribe is not the Orlando Romero who fought Ray Mancini. He is a young prospect, unbeaten in eight bouts with four kayoes.)
(02-16-85)

RICARDO SOLANA

EUROPE

AUSTRIA

►**VIENNA**—Austrian junior middleweight champion Edip Secevic stopped Germany's Rudiger Bitterling in three. The loser's corner threw the towel in.
Tunisian junior middleweight Fahti Azaz made his pro debut by outpointing Esperno Postl, four.
Secevic and Azaz are both trained by Hector Constance, a welterweight star of the 1950s who once gave Nino Benvenuti all that he could handle. Constance, 57, originally from Trinidad, has settled in Vienna.
(04-11-85)

BELGIUM

►**LIEGE**—Romain Mianzuela outscored former French junior middleweight champion Richard Rodriguez, eight. Mianzuela is still undefeated.
(03-09-85)
►**AYWAILLE**—Francisco Rodriguez outpointed Haidar Nourredine, six. Rodriguez, a Spanish lightweight, is unbeaten in his last 17 bouts.
Patrick Boon outpointed Salvatore Pisani, six, welters.
(04-05-85)
►**MOLENBEEK ST-JEAN**—Jesus Fernandez halted Robert Dormoy, who retired in his corner with a rib injury at the end of the first round. Fernandez, a junior middleweight, is now 10-2.

FRANCE

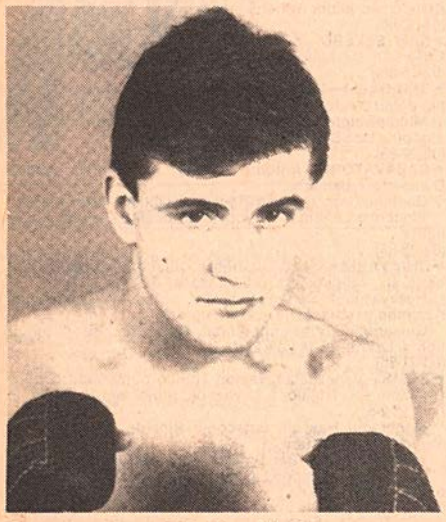
►**POINTE-A-PITRE**—R. Vives halted Norbert Alcade in three, lightweights.
(12-21-84)
►**DIJON**—J.L. Sautreau outpointed H. Zitouni, six, lightweights.
(01-05-85)
►**ST BRIEUC**—Anaclet Wamba outscored Andy Gerrard, eight, heavyweights.
(01-26-85)
►**SIN LE NOBLE**—R. Leclercq outpointed A. Dahmoun, six, junior middles.
(01-26-85)
►**FEURS**—J.M. Forestier outscored Lifetu Basila, six, welters. (02-01-85)
►**CREIL**—Norbert Alcade halted Bruno Dario in one, lightweights.
(02-02-85)
►**NICE**—A. Souihi stopped B. Ben Amar in two, welters.
(02-02-85)
►**PESSAC**—Alain Simoes outscored veteran Carlos Foldes, eight. Simoes is now 7-1.
Mohamed Baradaran outpointed F. Aparicio, six, junior welters.
(02-08-85)
►**TOULON**—Robert Forneris halted B. Markovic in five.
(02-08-85)
►**GRAY**—P. Grisot outpointed G. Fefevre, six, welters.
(02-08-85)
►**TOULOUSE**—Pierre Joly overcame a cut and a slow start to outpoint Jose Rosemain, 10. This was a semi-final in the French middleweight tournament.
(02-15-85)
►**NIORT**—D. Yameogo outscored M. Denis, six, junior welters.
(02-15-85)
►**CAPELLE LE GRANDE**—R. Leclerq outpointed Christian Blondel, six rounds, junior welters.
(02-15-85)
►**MONTROUGE**—Jean Michel Forestier outscored Casimie Celestam, six, welters.
(02-16-85)
►**DUNKIRK**—French welterweight champion Jean-Marie Touati outpointed Joel Brival, 10.
(02-16-85)
►**CENON**—Alain Simoes outscored Spaniard Jose A. Martin Garzon, eight, lightweights.
(02-22-85)
►**VALENCE**—A. Chahboune outpointed Norbert Alcade, six, lights.
(02-22-85)
►**ST-MALO**—Alphonse Matoubella halted Robert Dormoy in the sixth round, welters.
(02-23-85)
►**EVREUX**—Louis Jean outpointed Jean Paul Guillard, six, bantams.
(02-27-85)
►**CAYENNE**—M. Ounes outscored R. Vivies, six, lightweights.
(03-01-85)
►**BAYONNE**—Vicente Macias outscored Abdul Chahboune, eight, junior lights.
(03-02-85)
►**ORLEANS**—Jean Paul Calvez outpointed D. Gallouze, six, junior middles.
(03-02-85)
►**RENNES**—M. Martin and D. Yameogo drew, six, junior welters.
(03-09-85)
►**LONS LE SAUNIER**—Robert Dormoy outscored M. Zeroual, six, junior middles.
(03-09-85)
►**DIJON**—Jean Luc Sautreau stopped Jamel Benmeziane in the fourth round, lightweights.
(03-09-85)
►**BORDEAUX**—NABF light heavyweight champion Willie Edwards got back on the winning trial with a 10-round points decision over Rufino Angulo. Edwards had Angulo down 10 times, but was lucky not to have been disqualified in the third round for flooring Rufino after the bell.
Former French middleweight champion Pierre-Franck Winterstein stopped Lahcen M'Hamdi in two. The Gypsy is now 33-1-1 with 27 kayoes.
Jean-Baptiste Mendy kayoed Jesus Bezanilla in the first round, lightweights.
Karim Rabbi stopped unlucky Vicente Macias on a cut eye in round two.
(03-29-85)
►**AIX-EN-PROVENCE**—Brahim Messaoudi regained the French welterweight title by outpointing Jean-Marie Touati, 10. The 23-year-old Messaoudi is now 19-1-1. Touati, a southpaw, is 21-9-3.
Taoufik Balbouli halted unknown Safir Diguibele in four. Balbouli, a heavyweight, is now 13-0.
Jean-Pierre Iniama outpointed Sami Barra, six rounds, junior middles.
Andre Kimbu kayoed Mohamed Cisse in round two, welters.
(03-29-85)
►**ANTIBES**—Frederic Geoffroy retained his French lightweight crown by stopping Antoine Curti at the start of round seven. Geoffroy, 25, is now 16-1. Curti is 14-5-5.
Tek N'kalankete retained his French junior welter title by halting Antoine Vivarelli on cuts at the beginning of round nine. N'kalankete is now 12-6-2. Vivarelli is 8-2-2.
Andre Mongelema outscored Brian Anderson, eight, middleweights.
Marc Ruocco halted Aldo Curti in the third round, junior middles. This was Ruocco's 18th straight win, but he will have to tighten his defense when he moves up in class.
Mohamed Ounes stopped Ahmed Kechiche in the third round, junior welters.
(03-29-85)
►**COMPIEGNE**—Mohamed Bouras outscored favorite Farid Benredjeb in a six-round tournament bout for third series boxers.
Jean-Pierre DiBateza outpointed Patrick Van Gaver, six.
(03-30-85)
►**ANDREZIEUX-BOUTHEON**—Pierre Joly won the vacant French middleweight title by outboxing Giovanni Martorina in the 10-round tourney final. Joly, 31, is now 26-3-2. Martorina, 27, is 19-5.
The French national tournament has been a great success with new champions crowned in five divisions and two champions retaining their titles. The French Boxing Federation deserves congratulations.
(03-30-85)
►**PARIS**—Akim Zeroual outscored Mohamed Mehadji, six. This was part of a tournament for third series junior middleweights.
(04-01-85)

ITALY

►**CORSICO**—Rinaldo Cacchione outpointed Fernando Blanco, six, junior welters.
(02-02-85)
►**SAN SEVERO**—Salvatore Nardino outscored Rosario Casartelli, six, junior welters.
(02-15-85)
►**SENIGALLI**—Light heavyweight Noe Cruciani made his pro debut by stopping Giovanni Marchesini in five.
Middleweight Flaviano Polinori made his pro debut by stopping Udo Sewawa of Uganda in the first.
(02-22-85)
►**CASAVATORE**—Antonio Picardi outpointed Abdou Diane in six, bantams.
Gaetano Caso stopped Francesco Gallo, welterweights.
Vincenzo Limatola outscored Sekisambu, eight, junior lights.
(02-25-85)
►**CHIAVARIA**—Luca DiLorenzi outscored Robert Forneris, six, lightweights. DiLorenzo is now 9-1.
Heavyweight Seffan Vassallo outscored Mbuyamba Kalombo, six. Vassallo was unimpressive.
Giuseppe LaVite outpointed Nihat Er, eight, junior lights. LaVite, 26, is now 24-1.
(03-01-85)
►**ROME**—Venezuelan Nelson Trujillo outpointed Oronzo Oggiano, six. Trujillo, a 25-year-old junior welterweight, is now 15-2-5.
Maghraoui Hassain outscored Rinaldo Cacchioni, six rounds, junior welters.
Middleweight Ali Ben Saad outpointed Filippe Seys, six.
Omar Kader stopped Cristiano Cavina in the second round, light heavies.
(03-01-85)
►**SCANDICCI**—Former Italian middleweight champion Gaetano Ardito kayoed Joe Ouru in round seven.
Andrea Scardigli outpointed Vincent Sarnelli, six, middles.
(03-02-85)
►**ANCONA**—Austrian middleweight Robert Pfitscher stopped Willi Mauchigna in three.
Nazario Mariotti halted Angelo Fenu in the first, junior middles.
Sumbu Kalambay won his first bout as an Italian citizen, easily stopping Tony Harrison in four.
(03-08-85)
►**CASERTA**—Former Olympian Angelo Musone outpointed George Ajjo, six, heavyweights.
Pasquale Rippa and Franco Campi, drew, eight, light heavies.
Romolo Casamonica stopped Aloui Aziz, who retired in the fourth round, junior middles.
(03-08-85)
►**NOVARA**—Former amateur star Maurizio Ronzoni stopped Giuseppe Mercuri in two, junior welters.
Marco Cipollino and Inino Bolamba drew, eight, welterweights. Cipollino is now 8-0-2—both draws with Bolamba.
(03-08-85)
►**CASELLA**—Ciro De Leva retained his European bantamweight title by outpointing Spanish challenger Jose I. Martinez Antunez, 12. The champion, who gave away height and reach, was too strong and aggressive for Martinez to contain. De Leva is now 17-2-1.
Former European bantamweight champion Walter Giorgetti outscored Luis de la Sagra, Spain, 10.
Lorenzo Giappone kayoed Lifetu Basila in the first round, welters.
World rated Edgar Castro outscored Nihat Er, eight, junior lightweights. Castro had been inactive for nine months due to contractual problems in Venezuela.
(03-13-85)
►**LATINA**—Francesco Prezioso outscored Bruno Simili, eight, junior welters.
Ben Saad Salah outpointed Mosimo Maeleke, eight, junior middles.
(03-15-85)
►**SPOLETO**—Noe Cruciani won on a disqualification over Salay Moba in the third, light heavies.
Kalongo halted Sandro Ronci on cuts in the fourth round heavies.
Abdul Diane stopped Roberto Manitta on a cut in the fourth round, bantams.
(03-17-85)
►**BAGHERIA**—Giuseppe Leto won the Italian junior middleweight title by outboxing defending champion Luigi Marini, 12.
Claudio Nitti outscored David Mahmutovic, six, lightweights. Nitti is now 10-1.
(03-22-85)
►**NOCERA**—Patrizio Oliva outclassed Alessandro Scapecchi to retain his European junior welterweight title, 12. The scores of 120-112, 120-108, and 120-109 sum it up. Scapecchi did not win a single round on any scorecard.
Vincenzo Limatola outscored Moussa Sangare, eight, junior lightweights.
Venezuelan Edgar Castro outpointed Sammy Meck, six.
Italian featherweight champion Salvatore Bottiglieri outscored Joseph Sekisambu, six. Bottiglieri is now 16-2.
(03-27-85)
►**ROME**—Italian middleweight champion Giovanni De Marco outpointed Mosimo Maeleke, eight. De Marco has now won 18 bouts in a row.

Rinaldo Cacchione halted Richard Nsubuga in the third round, junior welters.

Romolo Casamonica outpointed Ngindola Engote, six, junior middles.
(03-29-85)



Olympic gold medalist Maurizio Stecca recorded his sixth straight win as a pro, outpointing Vicente Fernandez.

►**RIMINI**—Former WBA junior featherweight champion Loris Stecca stopped Pat Doherty on a cut in the fifth round. Stecca is now 36-1-1. Tough scrap.

Olympic gold medalist Maurizio Stecca, Loris' brother, outscored Vicente Fernandez, Spain, in a six-round junior featherweight contest for his sixth straight win.

Luciano Bruno, another member of the Italian Olympic team, stopped Richard Bankeu in the fifth round, junior middles.

Belkir kayoed Rafael Sanchez in the fourth round, junior welters.
(03-16-85)

LUXEMBOURG

►**HAYANGE**—Lexter Boucaud outpointed Arturo Paoletti, eight, junior welters.
(03-10-85)

NETHERLANDS

►**ROTTERDAM**—Alex Blanchard retained his European light heavyweight title with a 12-round draw against number one challenger Richard Caramanolis. It was a tough, close bout with the officials scoring 115-115, 114-114, and 116-114, Caramanolis. Blanchard failed to utilize his height and reach advantages in trying to repeat his title winning knockout victory over Caramanolis.
(04-22-85)

SPAIN

►**LAS PALMAS**—Salvador Perez "Merche" outpointed Manuel Dominguez, eight, junior middles.
(12-28-84)

►**BADAJOZ**—Former European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista halted Arthur Wright in two.
(01-05-85)

►**BURGOS**—Jose Antonio Hernando outscored Jimmy Cruz, six, lightweights. Hernando was a member of the 1984 Spanish Olympic team.

Welterweight prospect Jose (Kid) Bello made his pro debut by outpointing Julio Garcia Barcina, four.
(01-05-85)

►**BURGOS**—Jose Antonio Hernando outscored Angel Hernandez "Tajinaste," eight.

Jose (Kid) Bello stopped experienced Salvador Perez "Merche" in two.

Former Spanish lightweight champion Jesus Matilla kayoed Jimmy Cruz in three.
(01-19-85)

►**VALLADOLID**—Jesus Matilla outscored Rafael Sanchez, eight. Matilla is now 14-3-2.

Vicente Hernando outpointed German Nunez, eight, featherweights.

Jose Antonio Hernando stopped Tomas Gomez in round six for his fifth win.
(02-02-85)

►**SAN SEBASTIAN**—Mikel Martin outscored Jean Claude Garcia, four, light heavies. Martin is still undefeated.
(02-09-85)

►**CALATAYUD**—Spanish heavyweight prospect Jose Antobnio (Toyi) Castro outscored Alejandro Cardoso, six. Castro is now 3-0.

Jose Maria Castillo and Francisco Gomez III drew, six, junior welters.
(02-23-85)

►**VIGO**—Carlos Miguel Rodriguez won the Spanish lightweight title by outpointing defending champion Hugo Carrizo, 10.
(03-01-85)

►**LAS PALMAS**—Isidro Gonzalez outscored Jimmy Cruz, six.
(03-02-85)

►**SAN SEBASTIAN**—Mikel Martin stopped Patrick Issaoui in four, light heavies.
(03-16-85)

►**SANTA CRUZ**—Angel Suarez "Tamaran" won the Spanish middleweight crown by outpointing defending champion Andoni Amana, 10. Suarez is now 11-1-1. Amana is 45-14-1.

Heavyweight "Toyi" Castro repeated a previous six-round win by outpointing Alejandro Cardoso.
(03-16-85)

►**ZARAGOZA**—"Toyi" Castro made it five in a row by outpointing Juan Saavedra, six.

Jose Maria Castillo and Francisco Gomez III drew, six.
(03-23-85)

►**BURGOS**—Jose Antonio Hernandez outscored lightweight Jose Maria Ibanez Arenas, eight. Hernando has now won six bouts in a row.

Jose (Kid) Bello outpointed Idelfonso Martinez, six.
(03-30-85)

SWITZERLAND

►**GENEVA**—Swiss-Italian light heavyweight Enrico Scacchia stopped former French junior middleweight champion Richard Rodriguez in six. The 21-year-old Scacchia is now 21-1-1.

Swiss junior welterweight Michel Giroud outpointed Hugo Carrizo of Spain, eight.
(03-26-85)

Thanks to Ray Van Laeken, Angel Gonzalez, Leo Vollnhofer, and Mauro Beti.

ERIC ARMIT

UNITED KINGDOM

►**WEMBLEY—Arena**—Barry McGuigan, 124, kept his European featherweight title by disposing of Frenchman Farid Gallouze, the towel coming in from the latter's corner at 1:20 of round two. Farid had been decked for the second time, and Swiss referee Franz Marti escorted him back to his corner.

One of the most obvious mismatches of all-time. The British Boxing Board of Control had warned the European Boxing Union on more than one occasion that the bout should not take place. The EBU chose to ignore the warning.

McGuigan didn't even have time to work up a sweat. He scored with frequent left jabs, which didn't appear all that hard, but which obviously hurt the Frenchman, who backed away and looked unhappy as the bell ended round one.

Early in the second, McGuigan caught his man with a right uppercut, followed by a well-timed hook that put Farid down. He was up at four, but the referee applied the mandatory eight count. McGuigan put him down again with a right to the jaw, and then in came the towel. Official result: McGuigan the winner "by abandonment."

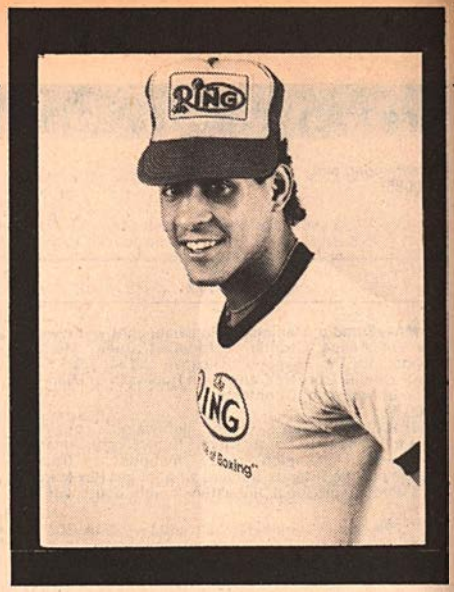
The farce was over. McGuigan can now concentrate on his forthcoming (WBA) title bout with Eusebio Pedroza.

Frank Bruno, 222¼, was an easy winner in another disappointing contest, stopping former European champion Lucien Rodriguez, 209½, in 2:29 of the first round in a scheduled ten.

A right hand had a delayed action effect. Rodriguez eventually went down, Bruno landing a couple more on the way. He struggled up at nine but indicated he had had enough, and referee Harry Gibbs stopped it.

Rodriguez was expected to provide Bruno with a much sterner test, and looked far removed from the fighter who went the full distance with world champ Larry Holmes two years earlier. Bruno can expect better opposition from Anders Eklund when they beet for the European title shortly. Anders watched the "fight," but was his journey really necessary?

Jim McDonnell, 124¾, kept his unbeaten record and won the Southern Area featherweight title by outpointing Clyde Ruan, Slough, 125, referee Harry Gibbs casting it 99½-96½ after ten.



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Roy Webb, 119, confirmed a previous victory by stopping Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 122, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 1:14 of round five in a scheduled six after Bott had been down twice.

David Irving, Belfast, 144, kayoed Mark Simpson, Brighton, 140¾, in 0:20 of round three in a scheduled six. Paddy Sower, referee.

Horace Notice, Birmingham, 200¾, kayoed Bob Young, Croydon, 213½, in 1:45 of the second round in a scheduled six. Young was well and truly out, but referee Nathan did not bother to take up the count.
(03-26-85)

►**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Judas Clottey, Ghana, 147, beat Lloyd Christie, Wolverhampton, 144¼, who was retired by his corner at the end of round five with a cut lip that required stitches, Christie was scheduled to meet Lee McKenzie in a British title eliminator, but the latter withdrew through injury.

Former Scottish welter champion Dave Douglas, Larkhall, 149, beat Welsh title holder Michael Harris, also 149, referee John Coyle intervening at 1:39 of round four in a scheduled eight when Harris was cut on the forehead after a clash of heads.

Scottish featherweight champion Robert Dickie, 128, stopped John Maloney, Barnet, at 1:18 of round three in a scheduled eight. Referee Geoff Clarke called a halt when Maloney had stopped fighting back.

Peter Harris, Swansea, 124, didn't lose a round in outpointing Kid Sumali, Ghana, 121, referee Clarke scoring it 80-76½ after eight.

Gary Flear, Solihull, narrowly outpointed Tommy Frankham, Kentish Town, referee Clark casting it 59-58½ after six twos, lightweights.
(03-20-85)

►***GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club***—Steve Boyle, Glasgow, 136½, gained an impressive victory by outpointing British title contender Peter Eubanks, Brighton, 136½, over eight, referee Len Mullen scoring it 79½-78½.

Simon (twin brother of Peter) Eubanks, 141, made it a family double by outpointing Steve Griffiths, Finchley, 139, over eight twos, scoreline was a narrow 78½-78 on referee Mullen's card.

Tommy Cook, Larkhall, 138, outpointed Albert Buchanan, Dundee, 141, referee Danny McCafferty scoring it 59-58 after six twos.

Debutant Ernie Noble, Wakefield, 136½, looked good in stopping George Bairgrie, Edinburgh, at 0:48 of the opening round. Referee McCafferty intervened with Bairgrie under pressure and not hitting back.
(03-25-85)

►**LONDON—Lyceum Ballroom**—British light heavyweight champion Dennis Andries, 175¾, enhanced his reputation by stopping Belgian Jose Seys (the man who stopped Errol Christie in one round), referee Sid Nathan intervening at 2:45 of round three in a scheduled ten. Seys went down from rights to the head. He was up at four, but Andries quickly dealt out more punishment, whereupon Seys sank to his knees, and referee Nathan stopped it.

Conrad Oscar, Acton, 150, stopped Bobby Williams, Southhampton, 161, at 1.00 of round five in a scheduled eight, referee Nathan intervening when substitute Williams turned and went back to his corner with his glove held to the back of his head. No indication as to why, and the exchanges had been even.

Dennis O'Brien, Acton, 157½, stopped Danny Sullivan, Finchley, 158, referee Nathan calling a halt at 0:15 of round four in a scheduled eight twos after Sullivan had been down three times.

Courtney Phillips, Battersea, 148¼, didn't lose a round in outpointing Vince Stewart, Tottenham, 148¼, referee Nick White scoring it 60-58 after six twos.

Debutant Greg George, 176¼, won every round in outpointing Serg Fame, Paddington, 171, referee White casting it 60-57 after six twos.
(03-23-85)

►**EVESHAM—Sporting Club**—Peter Gabbitus, Doncaster, 128, outpointed Alec Irvine, Corby, 126, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round. Brian Arnett, referee.

Mick Markie, Kettering, 124, outpointed Mark Champney, 126½, over six by a narrow 59-58½. Markie was decked in round three.

Dennis Bailey, 175½, won every round in outpointing Alex Romeo, Nottingham, 177, by 60-57 over six.

Wayne Poultney, Bedworth, 140, stopped Darrell Balham, 142, at 1:25 of the opening round. Balham was cut by the left eye.

Frankie Lake, Plymouth, 144½, stopped Kevin Johnson, Small Heath, 145, referee Arnett intervening at 1:52 of round four with Johnson under pressure.
(03-20-85)

►**MANCHESTER—New Century Hall**—Najib Daho, 137, stopped Jamaican Denzil Surral, 128, referee Brian Hogg intervening at 0:50 of round three in a scheduled ten, with the Jamaican under pressure.

Mike Whalley, Manchester, 126, stopped Dave Kenny, Liverpool, 128, referee Hogg calling a halt at 1:02 of round three in a scheduled eight twos when Kenny was cut by the left eye.

Bobby McKenley, Manchester, 152, survived two knockdowns in the opening round to draw with Phil O'Hare, Salford, 154, over six. Keith Garner, referee.

Brian Roche, Bacup, 137, didn't lose a round in outpointing Janadio Musa, Ghana, scoreline 60-57½ after six.

Substitute Muhammad Lovelock, Manchester, 133, narrowly outpointed Mark Pearce, Cardiff, 133½, referee Hogg scoring it 78½-78 after eight twos.

Another narrow winner was Lee Woolis, Alfreton, 149, who outpointed Dennis Horgan, London, 145, by 59-58½ over six.
(03-21-85)

►**BIRMINGHAM—Albany Hotel**—Rocky Lawlor, Birmingham, 124, outpointed Alec Irvine, Corby, also 124, over eight twos, scoreline 79½-77 on the card of referee Paul Thomas, who officiated throughout the program.

Brian King, Rhyl, 126, won a points victory over Mickey Baird, Birmingham, 126, scoreline 59½-58½ after six twos. Baird was down in round four.

Dennis Bailey, 175, outpointed Alex Romeo, Leicester, 178, over six twos.

Eamonn Payne, Norwich, 133, outpointed Gary King, Edgware, 131, over six twos. King was making his debut.

Ronnie Fraser, Birmingham, 166, stopped debutant Chris Winter, Grimsby, 160, in the first round of a scheduled four twos.
(03-12-85)

►**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Terry Magee, Ammanford, 154, drew with Gary Tomlinson, Chesterfield, 161, over eight twos. Paul Thomas, referee.

Sean O'Phoenix, Dublin, 160½, outpointed Seamus Casey, 165, not losing a round according to referee Thomas, who scored it 60-57½ after six.

Ronnie Tucker, Sheffield, 164, outpointed Dave Schott, Telford, 166, referee Thomas casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Jimmy Thornton, Sheffield, 141, gained a six-round points win over Mickey Bird, Chesterfield, 144½, scoreline 59½-58½ on referee Thomas's card.
(03-20-85)

►**LONDON—Merton Civic Hall**—Sammy Reeson, Battersea, Southern Area lightweight champion, 181½, made it 15 in a row by outpointing Theo Joseph, Huddresfield, 184, referee Bob Galloway scoring it 80-77½ after eight, indicating that Reeson hadn't lost a round. Joseph was handicapped by a swollen left eye, but put up a good fight.

John Moody, Rayleigh, 177½, beat Alan Ash, Carshalton, 173¼, referee Galloway stopping it at 2:32 of round three in a scheduled eight, when Ash was injured by both eyes. This confirmed a previous victory.

Andrew Mayers, Aston, 142, scored a narrow points victory over Chas Dackombe, Streatham, 145, referee Galloway's card showing 59½-59 after six twos. Dackombe was injured by both eyes.

Derek Williams, Peckham, 219¼, stopped Alfonso Forbes, 209, referee Jack Snipe intervening at 0:35 of round two in a scheduled six twos after Forbes had been down twice.

Trevor Clark, Ealing, 170, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Ronnie Fraser, Birmingham, 172, referee Snipe scoring it 59-58 after six twos.

Tony Tricker, Norbury, 221½, outpointed Ralph Irving, Brixton, 229, over six twos, referee Snipe casting it 59½-58½. Tricker was down briefly in round three, but Irving contributed to his defeat by various infringements—for which he was warned on several occasions.
(03-25-85)

►**HUDDERSFIELD—Ladbroke Mercury Hotel**—Gary Felvus, Keighley, 136, retained his unbeaten certificate by outpointing Dave Pratt, Leicester, 134½, but referee Mickey Vann's scorecard of 79-78 after eight brought booing from some of the fans. Felvus had been inactive for five months, and was down in round seven from a left hook.

Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 129, outpointed Michael Marsden, Leeds, 130, over eight by 79-78½ on referee Vann's card.

Substitute Jaswant Ark Singh outpointed Steve Harwood, Batley, 142, referee Keith Garner scoring it 59½-58½ after six.

Carl Gaffney, Leeds, 221, stopped Dave Madden after only 37 seconds of the opening round, referee Garner intervening with Madden helpless on the ropes. (03-25-85)

►**LIVERPOOL—Stadium**—Noel Quarless, Liverpool, 210, stopped former Commonwealth cruiserweight champion Stewart Lithgo, Hartlepool, 198, referee Ron Hackett calling a halt at 1:49 of round four after Lithgo had been down twice.

Kevin Pritchard, Liverpool, 130, outpointed Muhammad Lovelock, Manchester, 133, over eight, referee Hackett casting it 79½-76½, the margin not seeming as wide to some fans.

Bobby Welburn, Hull, 144, kayoed Alan Williams, Liverpool, 143, with a right hand in 0:38 of round two that put his opponent on to the ring apron. Keith Gardner, referee.

It was also a devastating right hand that enabled Eddie Chatterton, Liverpool, 175, to knock out Mark Walker, Leigh, 169, in 0:33 of round four. This avenged a previous defeat. Neither having to change his damaged gloves in round three nor the fact that he changed to southpaw did Walker any good.

Edward Lloyd, Rhyl, 135, beat Billy Laidman, Durham, 136, referee Gardner halting matters in round two of a scheduled six with Laidman cut by the left eye.

Alistair Laurie, Glasgow, 143, stopped Chris McCreedy, Liverpool, 143, referee Gardner intervening at 1:27 of the sixth and final round with McCreedy under pressure.

Craid Windsor, Glasgow, 127, didn't lose a round in outpointing Sugar Gibiliru, Liverpool, 128, referee Hackett scoring it 60-57½ after six.
(03-29-85)

►**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Dave Dent, Camden Town, 144¾, made it seven in a row by stopping Jim Kelly, Wishaw, 147½, at 0:55 of round three in a scheduled eight—referee Larry O'Connell intervening with Kelly under pressure and not fighting back. He protested at the stoppage.

Over eight twos, Joey Joynson, Liverpool, 128, didn't lose a round outpointing Alec Irvine, Corby, 126, referee O'Connell casting it 80-76.

Tommy Frankham, Newmarket, 138, beat Peter Bradley, Glasgow, 132, referee Jack Snipe halting matters at 1:15 of round two in a scheduled six twos with Bradley helpless.

Johnny Graham, Paddington, 165½, narrowly outscored Paul Gamble, Norwich, referee Snipe's card showing 59-58½ after six.
(04-01-85)

►**LONDON—Dulwich Baths**—Mike Durvan, Penge, 136½, is fast building up a reputation as a puncher. He made it five quick wins in a row by stopping Dave Pratt, Leicester, 134½, referee Roy Francis intervening at 1:02 of round two in a scheduled eight, with Pratt under pressure.

Mark Mills, Penge, 150¼, beat Ian Chantler, St. Helens, 152, who was disqualified by referee Francis at the end of round two in a scheduled eight for alleged misuse of the head. Mills had been cut by the right eye in round two.

Karl Barwise, Battersea, 161½, didn't lose a round outpointing Dalton Jordan, Leicester, 158, referee Francis scoring it 80-76½ after eight twos.

Tony Rahman, Newport, 121, beat debutant Terry Ashman, Deptford, 118¼, referee Dave Parris calling a halt at 1:50 of round five in a scheduled six twos with Ashman under pressure.

Paul McKenzie, Peckham, 136½, stopped Jess Rumdan, Plymouth, 138, referee Parris intervening in round four of a scheduled six twos after Rumdan had been down three times.

Greg George, Acton, 179¾, beat David Furnaux, 181, referee Parris calling a halt at 1:00 of the opening round in a scheduled six twos after Furnaux had been down.
(04-01-85)

►**GATESHEAD—Leisure Centre**—Glenn McCrory, Anfield Plain, 201½, kept his unbeaten record, not losing a round in outpointing substitute Gypsy George Carman, Norwich, 184, referee Arnold Bryson casting it 80-78 after eight.

Having established that, the manner of McCrory's victory was less impressive. Carman, who had received only two days' notice of the fight, was down three times, but Glenn couldn't keep him there—in spite of his weight advantage—and the fans weren't very happy.

Graeme Ahmed, South Shields, 165, beat Sammy Sampson, Preston, 165½, referee Fred Potter stopping the action at 0:40 of round two in a scheduled eight when Sampson had been down. Sampson was a last-minute sub, and lost his unbeaten record as a result.

Mickey Bird, Nottingham, beat Manny Romain, Aberdeen, referee Bryson stopping the bout at 0:40 of round four in a scheduled eight twos when Romain was cut by the left eye. Both were inside 154, and both incurred several warnings.

Kris McAdam, 139, stopped debutant Marvin Gray, Stanley, 134, referee Potter intervening at 1:42 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Gray had been on the canvas.

Tony Meszaros, Birmingham, 165½, kayoed Dave Scott, Telford, 165½, at 0:45 of round two in a scheduled eight twos. Fred Potter, referee.
(03-27-85)

►**GLASGOW—Garrowland Ballroom**—Bobby McDermott, Glasgow, 118, outpointed Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 126, referee Billy Rafferty scoring it a narrow 79½-79 over eight.

Dave Savage, Glasgow, 136, didn't lose a round in outpointing George Kerr, Dundee, 140, referee Brian Donald's scorecard showing 80-77½ over eight twos. Kerr was warned on three occasions, and Savage was cut by the left eye in the final round after a clash of heads.

Also over eight twos, Tommy Cook, Larkhall, 144½, outpointed Tyrell Wilson, Newport, 143, referee Rafferty scoring 79½-78.

Danny Quigg, 150, stopped Paul Wetter, Cardiff, 146, referee Donald interviewing at 1:36 of the opening round in a scheduled six twos after Wetter had been down from a right to the jaw.

Doug Munro, Glasgow, 134, outpointed Carl Merrett, Newport, 135½, referee Donald casting it 59½-58½ over six.
(04-05-85)

►**SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club**—Andy O'Rawe, Canvey, 142, was cut by the left eye in the early stages, but survived to outpoint Gary Champion, St. Ives, 143, over eight twos, referee Mike Jacobs scoring it 79½-78½. The cut needed two stitches. When they met previously, Champion won on points.

Over six twos, Steve Cook, Southend, 140, outscored Trevor Hopson, Billericay, also 140, referee Dave Parris's card showing a narrow 59-58½.

In another close one, Paul Allen, Hastings, 154, outpointed Andy Roberts, 150, referee Mike Jacobs casting it 59-58½ after six twos.

John Wilder, Hastings, 133, outpointed Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 134, by 59½-58½ over six twos on referee Parris's card.
(03-26-85)

►**BASILDON—Festival Hall**—Frank Moro, Liverpool, 148¼, outpointed Johnny Ridgman, Borehamwood, 148½, referee Harry Gibbs scoring it 79½-77½ after eight.

Lennie Howard, Chelmsford, 175, stopped Jerry Golden, Manchester, 174, referee Tony Walker intervening at 1:37 of round two in a scheduled eight twos after Golden had

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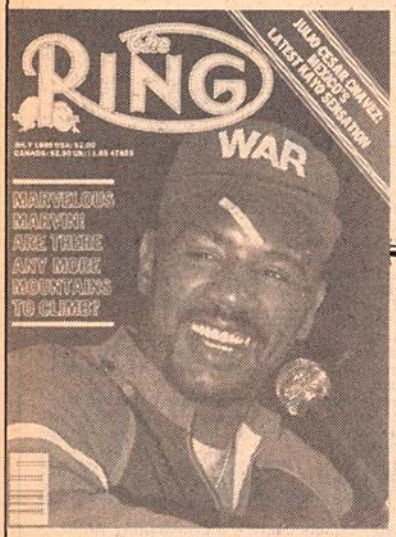

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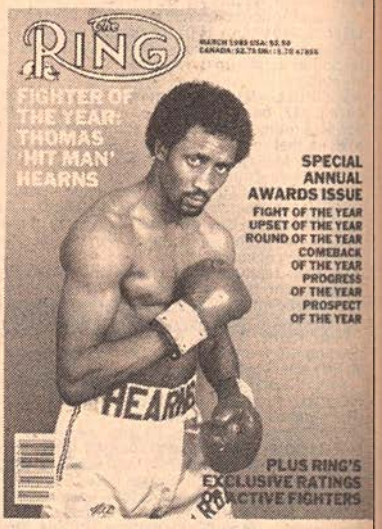

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been down.

Steve Lucas, Harlow, 120¾, narrowly outpointed Gypsy Johnny, Rhyl, 118, over six twos, referee Walker casting it 59-58½. A fine bout.

Jess Harding, Potters Bar, 207, beat Rocky Stevens, Rhyl, 203, referee Gibbs calling a halt at 0:07 of round two in a scheduled six twos after Stevens had been decked three times.

Tee Jay, Rhyl, 188, kayoed Tony Bowers, Silvertown, 182, at 1:20 of the opening round in a scheduled six twos.
(03-28-85)

►**DIGBETH—Civic Hall**—Ray Minus, Jr., Bahamas, one of the leading contenders for the Commonwealth bantamweight title, stopped former Commonwealth flyweight title holder Keith Wallace, Liverpool, 119½, referee Paul Thomas intervening at 2:30 of round four after Wallace had been down twice.

John Hyland, 119, Liverpool, stopped substitute Gypsy Johnny, Rhyl, 118, referee Geoff Clark intervening at 0:47 of round four in a scheduled six twos after Johnny had been on the canvas.

Terry Brooks, Hachney, celebrated his 21st birthday by knocking out Rob Thomas, Gloucester, 156, in 0:48 of round four in a scheduled six twos. It was three in succession for Brooks, who is managed by former WBC light middleweight champion Maurice Hope.

Billy Edwards, Hoxton, 144, scored a narrow points victory over Vince Bailey, Birmingham, 144, referee Clark scoring it 59-58½ after six.

David Noel, 159, Trinidad, outpointed Midlands Area champion Willie Wright, 157½, over eight, referee Thomas scoring it 78½-77½. Wright had a good round in the seventh, but Noel recovered well, and the verdict looked right. Noel is a nephew of former WBA lightweight champion Claude Noel.
(04-04-85)

►***DARLINGTON—Dolphin Centre***—Kostas Petrou, Birmingham, 144¼, won the vacant British welterweight title by beating Rocky Kelly, Tooting, 143, referee Roland Dakin stopping the bout at 1:09 of round nine in a scheduled twelve. An excellent contest, Kelly was cut by the right eye in round eight, which encouraged Petrou.

Kelly fought his heart out, only to be outgamed by Petrou. Kelly was marked by the left eye as well, fortunes fluctuated throughout, and it was a fight worthy of a championship contest. Although it is early in the year, this one will undoubtedly be one of the best.

Sylvester Mittee, Bethnal Green, 146¼, successfully defended his Commonwealth welterweight title by outpointing Martin McGough, Coventry, over 12 rounds, referee Dakin casting it 118½-116.

Mittee took all the early honors, and had established quite a lead when McGough made an all-out effort in round eight, scoring with rights to the head to have Mittee backpedalling and looking in trouble.

However Mittee's vast experience saw him through this difficult period, and he gradually came back into the fight, using his skills and ringcraft to buy time.

McGough made a magnificent effort to get on top, in the last two rounds, but Mittee boxed his way to victory.

Dennis Horgan, Camberwell, 145¼, stopped Taffy Morris, Darlington, 150, referee Arnold Bryson intervening at 1:52 of round two in a scheduled six twos.

Neil Patterson, Darlington, 140¾, outpointed Nicky Day, Southampton, 145¾, over six twos, referee Bryson calling it 59½-58. Day was down in the last session.

Freddie Potter, Southampton, 121½, drew with Gordon Stobie, Darlington, six. Arnold Bryson, referee.
(04-13-85)

►**SOUTH SHIELDS—Buddy's Club**—John Westgarth, Newcastle, 213, kayoed Rocky Burton, Bedworth, 210, in half a minute of the opening round in a scheduled eight. Right hands to the head did the trick, and Burton never looked like beating the count. Fred Potter, referee.

Dave Garside, Hartlepool, 200, narrowly outpointed Paul Lister, Newcastle, 203, referee Arnold Bryson scoring it 79-78½ after eight twos.

Paul Deans, Jarrow, 145, outpointed Bobby Welburn, Hull, 112, referee Potter casting it 60-57½, indicating that Deans didn't lose any of the six two-minute rounds.

Chris Clarkson, Hull, 121, also didn't lose a round, outpointing Terry Allen, Hartlepool, 122, referee Bryson scoring it 40-38½ after four twos.
(04-09-85)

►**LONDON—York Hall**—It's rare for two top American fighters to feature in the main event on a British bill, but middleweight James Kinchen and junior middleweight Buster Drayton put up a fine showing, with Kinchen getting referee Sid Nathan's narrow verdict by 98-97½ over ten. His weight advantage of 162½ to 157¾ probably just turned the scales.

Kinchen's cleaner punching saw him home. Drayton's best work was his body punching.

Tony Adams, Brixton, 144, stopped Lennie Gloster, 141, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 0:24 of round seven in a scheduled eight after Gloster had been down.

Former WBC junior lightweight champion Cornelius Boza-Edwards, 136 kayoed American Melvin Paul, 135¾, in 1:03 of round two in a scheduled ten. Southpaw Boza caught his man with a fast left hand to the jaw. Paul went down against the ropes and was still struggling up when the count was completed by referee Nathan.

Former Commonwealth middleweight champion mark Kaylor, 163¼, kayoed American Richard Beranek in 1:25 of round three in a scheduled ten. Referee Jacobs counted him out after he had been decked by a right hand.

Jon Ridgman, Borehamwood, 155, stopped John Langol, Birmingham, 156, referee Jacobs calling a halt at 1:34 of round three in a scheduled eight after Langol had been down from a right to the head.

Michael Watson, Islington, 163½, stopped Dennis Sheehan, Nottingham, 163¾, referee Tony Walker intervening at 2:01 of round three in a scheduled six. Sheehan had been down in round two.

Debutant Gary Stretch, 146¾, beat Steve Tempro, Leicester, 143½, referee Walker calling a halt at 2:45 of the sixth and final round after Tempro had been down three times.
(04-14-85)

►**LEEDS—Town Hall**—Ian Chantler, St. Helens, 147, stopped Alistair Laurie, Selkirk, 144, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 1:37 of the eighth and final round after Laurie had been down seven times. This was a substitute top liner after the fight between British light heavyweight champion Dennis Andries and Liam Coleman had to be called off when Coleman was sidelined with influenza.

Brian Roche, Bacup, 135, stopped Edward Lloyd, Rhyl, 134, referee Vann calling a halt at 1:51 of round seven in a scheduled eight twos after Lloyd had been knocked down.

Mickey Bird, Chesterfield, 144, kayoed Bobby McGowan, Leeds, 147, at 1:20 of round two in a scheduled six twos. Bird was down in the opening session, but put McGowan down in round two before knocking him out.

Dean Marsden, Leeds, 135, stopped Wayne Trigg, Leicester, 132, referee Keith Garner intervening at 1:52 of round two in a scheduled six twos. Marsden was floored in round one, but put his man down in the following session.

Debutant Ricky Richards, Leeds, 152, didn't lose a round in outpointing substitute Jimmy Thornton, Sheffield, 144, referee Vann scoring it 60-58½ after six twos. A good scrapt that brought nobbins.

Lee Woolis, Alfreton, 149, gained a narrow points win over Oliver Henry, Norwich, 147, referee Garner casting it 59-58½ over six twos.
(04-10-85)

►**GLASGOW—Whitbread Scotland Sporting Club**—Former Commonwealth champion Langton Tinago, Zimbabwe, 134½, outpointed Ian McLeod, Livingstone, 134, ten. Len Mullen, referee. Tinango boxed beautifully, and his only troublesome moment came in round five when McLeod, marked around the right eye, shook him with a right to the jaw.

John McAllister, Port Glasgow, 151, stopped Clifton Domville, Liverpool, referee Mullen calling a halt at 2:50 of round three. McAllister was floored by a right hand in the opening round. He went down again in round two, but in the third session caught his man with a right hand that shook him. He was following up with Domville not punching back when the intervention came.

Juniado Musha, Ghana, 138, narrowly outscored John Murphy, Glasgow, 136, by 59-58½ over six.
(04-15-85)

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INDONESIA

►**JAKARTA**—Indonesia has its first "world" champ.

IBF junior bantamweight champ Ju-Do Chun, 114¾, Korea, lost his crown on an upset to Indonesian Elly Pical, 115, the OPBF titlist, on a knockout in the eighth round of a scheduled 15-round title bout.

Chun fought aggressively from the start, while Pical, a cautious lefty, countered. Pical scored with southpaw rights and sharp lefts, dropping the defending champ. Chun, obviously rubber-legged, barely lasted out the round by clinching. Chun desperately fought back in the next two rounds, but went down for the full count from a devastating one-two combo.

Pical is now 10-1 with seven knockouts. Chun is 19-2 including 10 kayoes.

Telecast live to Korea.
(03-03-85)

JOE KOIZUMI

JAPAN

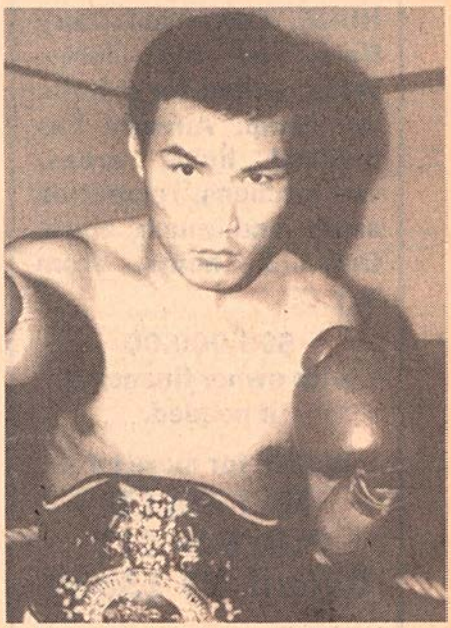
►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Fast rising Tomohiro Kiyuna, 110, scored a fine knockout over Kazuyoshi Kurashita, a much taller boxer from Osaka at 110¼, in 1:28 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Kiyuna, a short but busy puncher, got inside of his opponent, and dropped him thrice with solid left hooks. Hiroyuki Tezaki refereed. Kiyuna, 12-1 with six kayoes, is said to be one of the best prospects in Japan. Kurashita fell to 8-3 with six knockouts.

In the semi, Eiji Okita, the Japanese Commission's second ranked lightweight at 132¼, exploded a smashing one-two, dropped Hitoshi Maezawa, 132, and halted him at 2:01 of the fourth canto in a scheduled 10. Eiji, formerly a waterball player, avenged his sole loss by kayo to the stocky puncher. Maezawa, gamely boring in, took the second and third rounds, but got careless after he was hit. Kodai Kumazaki refereed. Okita, 26, is now 10-1 with four kayoes. The loser is 9-8-2 with eight knockouts.

The first 10 witnessed Eiji Oyama, 125, pummel Fukuichi Ota, 122¾, into submission with fine straight punches at 1:40 of the fourth stanza. Oyama fought a draw with unbeaten Takuya Muguruma in his bid for the Japanese junior featherweight crown last December. He is now 11-3-3 with seven kayoes. Ota is 2-5 with one kayo.

Wolf Sato, 130½, caught Yasuo Ebihara, 132, and scored a TKO win at 1:25 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Shin-Nippon Saito Promotions. TBS TV.
(03-25-85)



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Former WBA junior middleweight champion Tadashi Mihara went out with a win over Tricky Kawaguchi and then announced his retirement from the ring with an overall career record of 23-1, 15 knockouts.

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—This was former WBA junior middleweight champ Tadashi Mihara's final showing. He announced his retirement from the ring after the fight.

Mihara, ranked seventh by the WBC, 154, earned a unanimous decision over Tricky (Noboru) Kawaguchi, 151¼, 10.

Tadashi, 30, had been promised a shot at Thomas Hearns by Emanuel Steward. He was scheduled to be the next challenger after Hearns' defense against John Mugabi. Mihara's lumbago, however, has prevented him from waiting for his turn.

Mihara dropped the shorter Kawaguchi with a nice right in round five. Kawaguchi recovered, however, and Mihara soon had a tough time.

Mihara, married to a daughter of his manager, Hitoshi Misako, will now be vice president of Misako Promotions.

Mihara's overall record is now 23-1 with 15 knockouts. Kawaguchi, five years his junior, is 7-9-1 with three kayoes. Scoring: referee Takeo Ugo, 98-97; judge Masakazu Uchida, 99-93; judge Kazuo Abe, 98-96—all for Mihara.

In the semi-final 10, ex-Japanese lightweight champ Cheyenne Yamamoto, 139, scored an impressive kayo over Seiji Fujiwara, 138¼, in 1:49 of the third round. Yamammoto caught the JBC's second ranked junior welterweight with a good right followed by a wicked left hook, dropping him in the second session. In the next canto, he followed up and ref Hiroyuki Tezaki declared a halt. In his campaign in Australia, Seiji showed durability and won the praise of the crowd. But Cheyenne's combinations were furious.

Yamamoto, 25, is now 17-7-5 with 10 kayoes. Fujiwara impaired to 11-5-1 with six knockouts.

Lefty Kenji Yokozawa, 107, eked out a majority nod over Leopard Tamakuma, a taller southpaw at 107½, eight. Tamakuma, the previous year's winner of the All-Japan Novice King tourney, has now suffered two consecutive defeats. He is 8-2 with one kayo. Yokozawa, the upset winner over the JBC's seventh ranked flyweight, is 6-3-1 with two kayoes.

Misako and Kokusai Promotions. Fuji TV.
(03-28-85)

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►**CHIGASAKI—City Gymnasium**—Japanese flyweight champ Yoshiaki Nojima, 108, successfully defended his crown for the first time. He battered lefty challenger Rikuo Watanable, 107½, and won a unanimous decision in 10.

This was a rubber match. Nojima, often criticized for his lack of action, was aggressive enough to satisfy the spectators in his home town on this occasion. Rikuo, the former All-Japan high school champ, was nothing but a punching bag for Nojima. Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa, 100-95, judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 99-95, and judge ?, 97-95—all for the defending champ.

Nojima won the national title via an upset decision over hard hitting Tetsumi Takeshita in the Carnival of Champions last December.

Nojima, the WBC's 17th ranked light flyweight, is now 17-7-4 with two kayoes. Watanabe fell to 11-6 with four knockouts.

In the semi-final, Yoshio Mitsuboshi, 113, scored an upset kayo over Yasumasa Kawade, the JBC's sixth ranked junior bantie, also 113, in 2:09 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Kawade was on the deck twice before the ref counted him out.

Piston Horiguchi Promotions. No telecast.
(03-31-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese lightweight champ Tsuyoshi Hamada, a lefty, 137, ran his kayo streak to 15 as he demolished Thai kingpin Downthong Chuvatana, also 137, at 1:09 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Hamada, the WBC's 11th ranked contender, caught the Thai at close range and dropped him with short combos. Getting up, Downthong fell flat after Hamada's furious follow-up.

Hamada, one of Japan's most popular fighters next to world champ Jiro Watanabe, is now 17-1 with one no-contest. Chuvatana fell to 26-10 with 22 kayoes.

The semi-final saw a real upset. Katsunori Hokama, an unheralded underdog at 139¼, banged out defending champ Masanobu Tanabu, 139¾, to win the Japanese junior welterweight title in 1:29 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Hokama, the new champ, is now 6-1 with three kayoes. (His amateur record was 20-6 with eight RSCs; he was Okinawa amateur champ.) Tanabu is 8-1 with four knockouts.

Teiken Promotions. Nihon TV.
(04-04-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Mugen Kawasaka, 153, retained his Japanese junior middleweight title with a lopsided unanimous decision over Tadashi Maruo, 149¾, 10.

Scoring: referee Kodai Kumazaki, 100-93; judge Shoji Nakamori, 100-95; judge Masakazu Uchida, 100-92. Kawasaka is now 14-5 with 11 kayoes. Maruo is 8-6-1 with six knockouts.

Former Japanese junior lightweight champion Yoshimitsu Azato, 133½, stopped Takao (Tenyu) Maruki, 135, at 2:29 of round seven in their scheduled 10. Azato is now 17-4-1 with nine kayoes. Maruki is 34-13-6 with 17 knockouts.

Mexican import Donaciano Escamilla (fighting under the name Dony Yamashita), 127, TKO'd the stocky Koki Higashi, 128, at 2:38 of round nine in another scheduled 10.

Satoshi Koguchi, 125, halted Toshiyuki (Kenyu) Tanaka, 125½, at 1:48 of round five in their scheduled 10. Koguchi is now 11-5-1 with 10 kayoes. Tanaka is 14-3-2 with three knockouts.

Kaigai Promotions. TBS TV.
(04-22-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Shinji Tojo, 159½, retained his Japanese middleweight title with a close but unanimous decision over former champion Gye-Dok Kim (Keitoku Senrima), 160, 10.

Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 98-96; judge Masakazu Uchida, 99-96; judge Takeaki Kanaya, 99-98. Tojo is now 9-7 with six kayoes. Kim is 11-7-6 with six knockouts.

Masakatsu Sakuma, 122, won a unanimous decision over Kazuhiro Matsuda, also 122, 10. Matsuda entered the ring ranked ninth in the bantamweight division by the JBC. Sakuma, who will enter the top 10, is now 7-9-3 with four kayoes. Matsuda is 9-5-2 with four knockouts.

Up-and-coming Shunichi Nakajima, 115¾, knocked out Kazuki Higa, 118, in 3:05 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Nakajima is now 5-0 with four kayoes. Higa, who came in as the JBC's fourth ranked junior bantamweight contender, is 12-3 with six knockouts.

Nitto and Yonekura Promotions.
TV Asahi.
(04-23-85)

►**NOGATA**—Southpaw Keiji Kawamura, 126, TKO'd Seiji Maruyama, 125¼, at 1:10 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Kawamura is the JBC's fifth ranked junior featherweight contender.
(04-24-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Tadashi Shimabukuro, 117, won a unanimous decision over Kong-Sup Hang, 117½, Korea, 10.

Shimabukuro, a nephew of former world junior lightweight champion Yasutsune Uehara, is now 9-0-1 with six knockouts. Hang is a reported 16-9-8.

Rusher Kawaguchi, 126, TKO'd Takeshi Mitsu, also 126, at 2:58 of the seventh round in their scheduled 10. Referee Uchida stopped the bout to save Mitsu from further punishment. He had been knocked down in the fourth, fifth, and sxith rounds.

Kawaguchi is now 12-3-1 with four kayoes. Mitsu is 16-5-1 with five knockouts.

Eiji Kikuzaki, 143½, won a close decision over Akinori Yoshida, 142½, eight. Kikuzaki is now 9-1 with eight knockouts.

Southpaw Seiji Kawa, 139, stopped Tatsuzo Niiyama, 139¼, at 1:44 of the fourth round in their scheduled eight. Kawa, now 2-0, is a former college boxer.

Kenji Iizumi, 121½, kayoed Tadahiro Kikuchi, also 121½, in 2:04 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Misako Promotions. Fuji TV.
(04-25-85)

►**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—Hard hitting southpaw Hideaki Kamishiro, 116½, knocked out Takuya Tsuji, 115½, in 1:29 of round two in a scheduled 10. Kamishiro is now 2-0—both knockouts.

Satoki Suhara, 129½, and Naoyuki Iramina, 130, drew, six. Suhara is the JBC's ninth ranked junior lightweight.

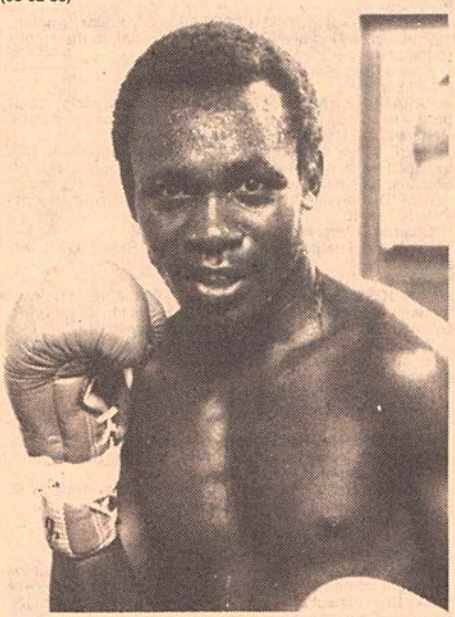
Shin-Nippon Osaka Promotions.
(04-29-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Mitsuo Imazato, 118, regained the Japanese bantamweight title with a unanimous decision over Koichi Sugimoto, 117, 10.

Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa, 99-95; judge Takeaki Kanaya, 100-96; judge Kodai Kumazaki, 98-96. It was a fierce fight, albeit with no knockdowns. Imazato is now 19-8 with nine kayoes. Sugimoto is 8-4-1 with two knockouts.

Six-foot Nobuyuki Tabata, 147, flattened Nobutaka Kuwata, also 147, in 3:05 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Tabata is now 15-2-1 with 15 knockouts. Kuwata is 10-12-2 with eight kayoes.

Toa Fighting Promotions. Nippon TV.
(05-02-85)



Isaiah Ikhoni, a native of Kenya now living in Japan, stopped Kiyoshi Sasaki to retain the Japanese junior lightweight title.

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Isaiah Ikhoni, 130, retained his Japanese junior lightweight title by stopping top contender Kiyoshi Sasaki, also 130, at 1:58 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Ikhoni, originally from Kenya, was floored in the first session. He's now 13-2 with nine knockouts. Sasaki, who announced his retirement after the bout, finishes at 13-4-1 with four kayoes. He will now work as a trainer.

Yoshinari Tanaka, 130, won a close but unanimous decision over Yasuji Shimoji, 129¼, 10. The scores were 98-97 (twice) and 99-97. Takeo Ugo refereed.

Former amateur star Hideyuki Ohashi, 107¼, won a unanimous decision over Hideto Osanai, 108, eight. Ohashi, 44-3 as a simon pure, is now 2-0 with one knockout. Osanai is 7-8 with six kayoes.

Makoto Mochizuki, 146½, and Ryutaro Otsuki, also 146½, drew, eight.

Yonekura Promotions, TV Asahi.
(05-07-85)

►**HIROSHIMA—Prefectural Gymnasium**—Tatsunari Hisahiro, 126, won the Japanese featherweight title with a TKO over defending champion Hiroyuki Kobayashi, 125¾, at 2:59 of the 10th and final round.

Hisahiro, an underdog, used his longer reach to good advantage. He dropped Kobayashi with a triple left in the last round, and a follow-up forced the referee to call a halt.

Hisahiro, 22, is now 11-5 with nine kayoes. Kobayashi, 25, is 16-8 with 12 knockouts. The new champ will defend against former title holder Eijiro Kuruma in July.
(05-13-85)

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►**SUWON—Suwon Indoor Gymnasium**—Sang-Ho Lee, 141, won a close but unanimous decision over Venezuelan Juan Rondon, the WBA's fifth ranked contender at 140¾, 10.

It was a dull fight.

Jang-Kyun Oh, 115, won the Korean junior bantamweight kingpin by outscoring Seoung-Hyun Bang, 114¾, 10.

The records of the main eventers were: Sang-Ho Lee 36-1 with 30 kayoes, Rondon 22-2 with 15 knockouts, Jang-Kyun Oh 14-3-2 with six kayoes, Seoung-Hyun Bang 5-1 with four knockouts.

Wonjin Promotions.
(03-02-85)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Mun-Jin Choi, the WBC's 10th ranked light flyweight at 110, won a lopsided decision over Filipino Edwin Projo, 109¼, 10.

Sae-Kwon Lee, 136¾, stopped Joo-Chul Yum, 135¼, in 3:04 of the fourth canto in the semi-final 10. Lee is now 9-1 with seven kayoes. Yum fell to 8-2-3 with five knockouts.
(03-02-85)

►**PUSAN—Kudok Promotions**—Youn-Kap Choi, Korean junior featherweight champ at 122, countered Japanese titlist Takuya Muguruma, also 122, and took a split but popular decision, 12.

This was an eliminator to decide the new OPBF champion. Choi is now 16-2 with six kayoes. Muguruma dropped to 18-1-1 with 12 knockouts.

Telecast in Japan and Korea.
(03-09-85)

►**TAEGU—Taegu Indoor Gymnasium**—OPBF flyweight champ Hi-Sup Shin, 113¾, needed just 1:00 to demolish Filipino Kid Kaneshiro, 114¾, in a scheduled non-title 10.

Leehun Promotions.
(03-10-85)

►**SANCHIPO—Sanchipo Indoor Gymnasium**—Korean champ Ki-Youl Kang, 118, came off the canvas in the opening session, threw a countering right and flattened defending titlist Neptali Alamag, a lefty Filipino, 117¾, at 1:20 of the second round in a scheduled 12. Kang thus captured the OPBF bantamweight crown.

Ki-Youl is now 12-2-1 with 10 kayoes. Alamag, a veteran campaigner, fell to 41-5-4 with 29 knockouts.
(03-16-85)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Fast-rising Jin-Shik Choi, the IBF's seventh ranked junior lightweight at 133¼, hit the deck in the sixth round, but fought back hard to win a close but unanimous decision over Gen Tosa, 133½, in 10.

Choi is now 15-1 with 13 kayoes. Tosa fell to 15-9-1 with six knockouts.

The semi-final saw Jae-Hong Kim, 114½, draw with Jae-Nyun Lee, also 114½, 10.

Saeki Promotions.
(03-22-85)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Seung-Soon Lee, the WBC's 20th ranked welterweight at 147¾, easily stopped Filipino veteran Willie Makitoki, 149, at 1:28 of the second session in a scheduled 10.

Lee is now 25-1 with 19 kayoes. Makitoki is 27-16-3 with 13 knockouts.
(03-24-85)

►**MOPPO—Moppo Indoor Gymnasium**—Chul Kwon, 126, finished Mexican Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo, also 126, at 1:19 of the second session in a scheduled 10.

Kwon is now 21-0-1 with 15 knockouts.

Ex-Korean junior featherweight boss Chan-Jung Chung, 125¼, drew with Hyun-Jae Hwang, 125¾, eight.
(03-24-85)

►**SUWON—Suwon Indoor Gymnasium**—Ji-Won Kim, 122, retained his IBF junior featherweight title by scoring a unanimous decision over Ruben Palacio, a Colombian at 120½, 15.

Kim dropped Ruben twice in the ninth round and kept punching. Waldemar Schmidt refereed.

Scoring: Norio Higasa (Japan), 149-142; Kang-Soo Kim (Korea), 147-142; Aiel Ullial (Colombia), 146-143—all for Ji-Won.

Kim, a tough southpaw, is now 13-0-2 with four kayoes. Palacio is 18-3 with eight knockouts.

Jum-Hwan Choi, 109½, won from Kyung-Jae Chang, 110½, 10. Choi is now 13-1 with five kayoes. Chang is 6-2.

In the first 10, Bong-Ho Choi, 121¾, seized the Korean junior featherweight crown with a unanimous decision over Jung-Kuk Lee, 121½, 10. Choi is now 6-1 with three knockouts.
(03-30-85)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chan-Young Park, the WBA's second ranked bantamweight at 120, was awarded a technical decision over Edgar Apatan, a Filipino at 119¼, 10.

Park is now 21-3-2 with five kayoes. Apatan is 14-2-1 with five knockouts.
(03-31-85)

►**TAEGU—Taegu Indoor Gymnasium**—Sok-Hwan Yunm, 115½, stopped Filipino champion Rene Busayong, 113½, at 2:22 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Yun is now 7-1 with four knockouts. Busayong is 18-11 with six kayoes.

Cho-Woon Park, 108¾, retained his Korean junior flyweight crown with a unanimous decision over top contender Ul-Chul Chung, 107¾, 10. Park is now 12-1-1

with two kayoes. Chung is 5-5-5 with one knockout.
Palpal Promotions.
(04-06-85)
►**PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—Min-Keun Oh, 125¾, retained his IBF featherweight title with a unanimous decision over American southpaw Sweet Irving Mitchell, 125¼, 15.
Scoring: Abraham Pacheco (U.S.), 144-143; Eduardo Velasco (Philippines), 147-145; Kyu-Sung Kang (Korea), 144-143. There were no knockdowns. The taller Mitchell got off to a good start, but Oh landed the big punches from the fifth round on. Ysujiro Fujimoto, referee.
Oh, 23, is now 15-2 with five kayoes. Mitchell, 24, is 24-2 with 14 knockouts.
Chong-Bae Chang, 159½, won the vacant Korean middleweight title by outpointing El-Jin Kim, also 159½, 10. Chang is now 6-4-2 with four kayoes. Kim is 2-2.
Hanjin Promotions.
(04-07-85)
►**NOSAN—Arena**—Oh-Kong Son, 110¼, TKO'd Dong-Yong Hwang, also 110¼, at 0:20 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.
Hwang, having beaten German Torres, was ranked sixth by the WBA. He had an operation on his right eye shortly after, and this bout with Son was, in effect, a comeback. It did not work out.
Son, now 18-1 with eight kayoes, concentrated on Hwang's body. At the beginning of the fifth, Hwang said that he could not continue owing to his injured eye, and his chief second tossed in the towel.
Hwang is now 5-1 with one knockout. He was hospitalized after the bout.
Young-Hyun Han, 109¾, and Do-Sa Kim, also 109¾, drew, 10. Han, the KBC's third ranked junior flyweight, is now 11-7-3 with four kayoes. Kim, the number six contender, is 13-2-1 with three knockouts.
(04-13-85)
►**CHUNJU—Chunju Gymnasium**—Jongjong Pacquing, 135, Philippines, retained his OPBF lightweight crown by knocking out Korean champion Dong-Koo Woo, 133½, in 2:33 of the fourth round.
Pacquing is now 28-7-1 with 10 kayoes. Woo is 19-7-2 with 10 knockouts.
(04-13-85)
►**POHAN—Pohan Indoor Gymnasium**—Southpaw Soon-Chung Kwon, 112, retained his IBF flyweight title by knocking out Shinobu Kawashima, also 112, with a left hook in 0:40 of the third round in a scheduled 15.
Kwon is now 25-3-1 with 16 knockouts. Kawashima, decked in round one, is 7-1 with five kayoes. Kwon's purse was a reported $40,000.
Korean welterweight champion Yung-Kil Chung, 145½, retained his title by outpointing Yung-Bae Lee, also 145½, 10. Chung is now 12-2-2 with seven kayoes. Lee is 4-3-2 with two knockouts.
Bi-Won Chung, 111¼, outscored Soon-Jun Kang, also 111¼, the WBC's 13th ranked flyweight, 10. Chung is now 16-3-2 with four kayoes. Kang is 19-5-1 with two knockouts.
World Promotions.
(04-14-85)
►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—OPBF junior middleweight champion In-Chul Baek, 153¾, retained his crown by stopping Korean titlist Jae-Hyung Yuh, 153½, at 2:14 of the fifth round in a scheduled 12. Baek is now 33-1 with 33 knockouts. Yuh, the brother of former world champion Jae-Do Yuh, is 24-4 with 20 kayoes.
Chong-Jin Chung, 118, won the vacant Korean bantamweight title with a unanimous decision over Kyu-Chan Cho, 117¾, 10. Chung is now 9-0-2 with two kayoes. Cho is 14-5-2 with four knockouts.
World Promotions.
(04-20-85)
►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Sok-Chul Bae, 127¾, kayoed Filipino Flash Reyes, 126¾, in 2:06 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Bae is now 23-3-1 with 13 kayoes. Reyes is 14-2-2 with eight knockouts.
Ray-Ki Ahn, 111¼, won the vacant Korean flyweight title by stopping Hae-Yul Yang, 111½, at 2:28 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Ahn is now 15-2-3 with seven knockouts. Yang is 14-4-2 with eight kayoes.
Byung-Soo Park, 127¾, halted Hyun-Il Kim, 129½, at 2:45 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Park is now 15-1 with nine knockouts. Kim is 8-5-2 with two kayoes.
Waryong Promotions.
(04-27-85)
►**PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—IBF super middleweight champion Chong-Pal Park, 170, won a unanimous decision over Korean middleweight titlist Chang-Hwan Noh, 169, 12. There were no knockdowns, and no title was at stake.
Chong-Kwan Chong, 116½, won a unanimous decision over Filipino Fernando Carupo, 116, 10. Chong is the IBF's sixth ranked flyweight contender.
Hanjin Promotions.
(04-28-85)

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►**DASMARINAS, CAVITE**—Boy Samson, 113, fought to a technical draw with Ellyser Guevarra, 110, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.
Rudy Casicas, 119, won a unanimous nod over Rito Donayre, 121, 10. Wick Tengam, 120, was held to a split draw by Ben Samson, 127, 10.
Ric Santiago, 112½, won a majority decision over Moirby Evasco, 111, six.
Ranel Pstrofide, 128, outscored Diego Labante, 127, six.
Felimon Vasquez, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad and Voltaire Reverente, GAB witnesses.
(02-02-85)
►**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Former Filipino champ Jun Resma, 117, won a unanimous decision over Joe Guevarra, 118, 10.
Dadoy Andujar, 112, eked out a majority nod over Edwin Projo, 112, 10.
Carlos Parcia, 140, scored a sixth round TKO over Winnie Gunita, 140, in a scheduled 10.
Sil Sarana, 148, won a majority verdict over William Mardizon, 148, 10.
Benjamin Aguirre, promoter.
(02-02-85)
►**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Kid Kanashiro, 112, was awarded a split duke over Nestor Pagaran, also 112, 10.
Flash Rockman, 122, tabbed a fine TKO over Elmer Cubillas, also 122, in the seventh round in a scheduled 10.
Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(02-02-85)
►**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Formerly rated by the WBA, Allan Alegria, 146, stopped Leo Dolotallas, 148, in the second round of a scheduled 10.
Cesar Ligan, 126½, lost a unanimous decision to ex-Filipino bantam and featherweight champ Ronald Sumalis, 127½, 10.
Rodrigo Entero.
(02-02-85)
►**PIGCAWAYAN, NORTH COTABATO**—Edgar Apatan, 120, scored a TKO over Boy Jamer, also 120, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.
Benhur Bedia, promoter.
(02-03-85)
►**PARANQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Jun Tito, 120½, earned a split decision over Little Bangoyan, 121½, 12. Vic Valdez refereed.
OPBF junior lightweight champ Rod Sequenan, 133, engaged in a non-title 10-rounder and stopped Edison Saladas, 135, in the sixth session. Tom Evaristo refereed.
Nick Dalisay, 110, won a split decision from Robert Palarit, 111, 10.
Galorde Enterprises.
Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(02-06-85)
►**SAN JOSE OCC., MINDORO**—Edel Geronimo, 112, won a unanimous decision over Boy Samson, 111, 10. Ex-world flyweight champ ERJBITO Salavarria refereed.
Wick Tengam, 124, scored a TKO win over Rudy Casicas, 122, due to the latter's cut in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
Laureano Gamboa, promoter.
Valtaire Reverente, GAB witnesses.
(02-09-85)
►**BRGY, COMMONWEALTH, QUEZON CITY**—Joel Advincula, 110, won a unanimous decision over Lou Marabe, Jr., 110, 10. Danny Rodenas refereed.
Alex dela Rosa, 112, was held to a majority draw by P. Ingusan, 112, in the four round opener.
Claudio Petalbo, promoter.
Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.
(02-16-85)
►**TACLOBAN CITY**—Al Tan Lee, the Filipino top junior flyweight contender at 113, was given a majority duke over Lucky Boy Camacho, 114, 10. Lucky Boy appeared unlucky. Paquinto Camacho, promoter.
(02-16-85)
►**LAMOTAN, BASILAN**—Jun Ulgasan, 130, beat Donie Evangelo, also 130, via a majority decision, 10.
Diomedes Tabotabo, promoter.
(02-16-85)
►**OZAMIS CITY**—Jojo Cayson, the GAB's ninth ranked featherweight at 129½, earned a split decision over Flash Ursus, the Filipino number three junior lightweight at 129½, 10. It was an upset.
Mac Espanola, 123, eked out a split decision over Rudy Patalinghug, also 123, 10.
Poker Peligrino, 120¾, won a majority duke over Ernie Sanico, 120¾, 10.
(02-23-85)
►**TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Robinson Cabusao, 144, fought to a split draw with Ric Barimbad, a veteran flyweight, also 114, 10.
June Resma, 116, scored his second win of the month by taking a unanimous decision over Gil Ragas, also 116, 10.
Boy Romero, 132, was a unanimous points winner over June Escarela, also 132, 10.
Eusebio Almario, Jr., promoter.
(02-23-85)
►**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Loremer Pontino, 115, won a unanimous decision from Armando Barzuela, also 115, 10.
Hilbert Aragon, 117, amazed the crowd with a first round kayo over Al Tan Lee, 115, in a scheduled 10.
Jun Tidalgo, 112, was given a majority decision over Eldie Paradero, 114, 10.
Edgar Apatan, 122, lost a unanimous decision to Flash Rockman, also 122, 10.
Ricardo Mendez, promoter.
(02-23-85)
►**MISAYAP, NORTH COTABATO**—Ali Garanada, the GAB's ninth ranked bantamweight, 120, fought to a technical draw with Rudy Cabiles, also 120, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.
Teofilo Perote, promoter.
(02-24-85)
►**NEW BATAAN**—Ex-Filipino champ Cesar Ligan, 127, showed his ringcraft and power in halting Bobby Eston, 129, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.
Rodrigo Entero, promoter.
(02-24-85)
►**BAGUIO CITY**—Albert Saxon, 131½, scored a fine TKO over Elmer Balayan, 131½, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.
Bert Pucay, 129, won a unanimous nod over Boy Negro, 127, 10.
Constancio Dangla, 113, won from Faustino Simbajon, 109, 10.
Danny Adangla, 124, TKO'd Romeo Santos, 123½, in the seventh canto of the first 10.
Raffy Panagan, promoter.
Benedicto Ronquillo and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.
(02-24-85)
►**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA**—Deonicio Castillo, the GAB's fourth ranked junior welterweight, 140, chalked up an eighth round TKO over ex-Filipino kingpin Max (Boy) Toyogon, 138½, in a scheduled 10.
Flash delos Reyes, 124½, won a unanimous decision over Rocky Alapitan, 127, 10.
Rey Arceta, 119½, was awarded a majority nod over Flash Emmanuel, 120½, 10.
Veteran Joe Hiyas, 119, unanimously decisioned Bert Gomez, 118½, 10.
Galorde Enterprises.
Vedasto Adriano and Voltaire Reverente, GAB witnesses.
(02-24-85)
►**OLONGAPO CITY**—Pablo Pepito, 121¾, won a unanimous verdict over Wick Tengam, 123½, 10. Tengam fought three times in February.
Boy Samson, 116¾, took a majority decision over Nick Dalisay, 110¾, 10.
Ellyzer Guevarra, 112, decisioned Dommy Ursua, 116, 10.
M.S. Martinez, promoter.
Carlos Roman and Vedasto Adriano, GAB witnesses.
(02-28-85)
►**METRO MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Former WBC flyweight champ Frank Cedeno, 116, stopped Japanese Makoto Taguchi, 115½, at 2:00 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Larry Nadayag refereed.
Ex-IBF junior featherweight titlist Bobby Berna, an excellent lefty at 124¾, kayoed Japanese Takashi Komori, 124, in 2:14 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.
Allan Makitoki, 117, scored a knockout over Rudy Grande, also 117, in 2:50 of the second round in their scheduled 10.
Fel Malatag, 122½, was a TKO victor over John Matienza, 120, at 1:30 of the eighth round in another scheduled 10.
Nilo Alamag, 131½, unanimously decisioned Edgar Estacio, 131, 10.
Bobby Castillo, 117, outscored Bobby Pinos, 117½, eight. Jun Cedeno, 110, TKO'd Rodel Asehan, 109½, in six.
Fer Gatchalian, 129, TKO'd Zaldy Obenza, 131, in the four-round opener.
Jessie Abrea, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad and Carlos Dizon, GAB witnesses.
(03-01-85)
►**MUSUAN, BUKIDNON**—Fernando Gloria, the Games and Amusements Board's third ranked welterweight, 140, won a unanimous nod over Cris Landera, also 140, 10.
Danilo Fernandes, promoter.
(03-01-85)
►**ANGELES CITY**—Boy Reyes, the GAB's seventh ranked lightweight at 132, won a unanimous decision over Eddie Camero, 130, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.
Felix Enero, 112, unanimously outscored Efren Bantilan, 112, six.
Antonio Esguerra, promoter.
Voltaire Reverente, GAB witness.
(03-02-85)
►**OLONGAPO CITY—Filam Youth Center**—Anthony Paloso, the GAB's third ranked junior featherweight at 110½, defeated Domie Circulado, 124, by a TKO at 0:35 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Onofre Perez refereed.
Joel Advincula, the GAB's 10th ranked flyweight at 110, was awarded a technical decision over Henry Balina, 124, at 2:45 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10.
Ed Adame, 110½, decisioned Robert Palarit, 110½, ten.
Capino, Jr., 112, won a split decision over Ric Santiago, also 112, six.
Four rounders: Flash Modesto, 113, TKO'd Norvy Mariano, 112, at 2:45 of the second. Alex Santiago, 105, won from Edgar Capino, 103, in the opener.
Danilo Fernandez, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(03-02-85)
►**PARANAQUE, METRONO MANILA**—Elorde Sports Complex—Filipino junior featherweight champ Jun Tito, 124, chalked up a TKO victory over Boy Negro, 125, in the seventh round of a scheduled non-title 10. Larry Nadayag refereed.
Rolando Hohol, ranked seventh in the junior flyweight class at 110½, eked out a split nod over Cecilio Tutor, 111, 10.
Ric Bajelot, 114, won from Joseph Lapide, 113½, eight.
Four rounders: Julius Oligario, 113, fought to a split

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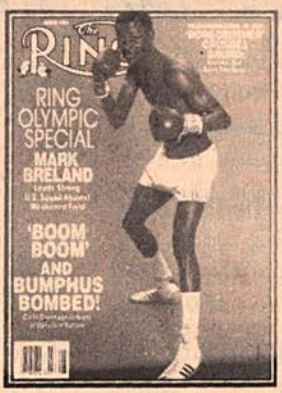

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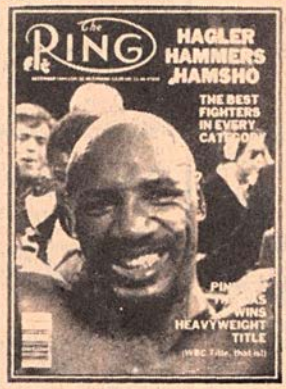

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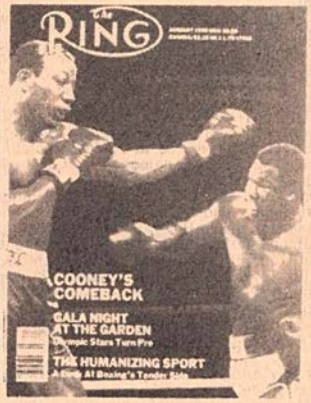

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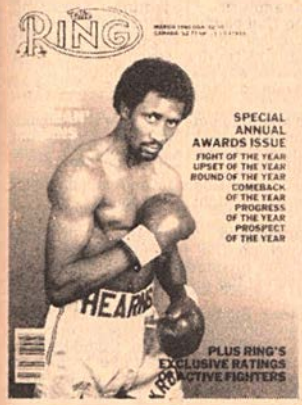

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draw with Wilson Apurado, 113. Bert Granciosa, 122½, decisioned Amancio Mendiola, 121, in the opener.
Galorde Enterprises.
Carlos Dizon and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.
(03-06-85)

►**MALABON, METRO MANILA—Del Monte Cockpit**—Ex-OPBF junior featherweight champ Willie Lucas, 121½, was held to a majority draw by Rudy Casicas, 124, ten. Vic Valdez refereed.
Ariel Samson, Jr., the GAB's eighth ranked junior flyweight at 110, scored a TKO over Lou Marabe, Jr., 108½, in the ninth round of their scheduled 10.
Archie Garcia, 146, won from Romulo Oguimas, 145½, eight.
Diego Lebante, 123, won a technical decision over Aki Caparuzo, 123, in six.
Danny Marino, 115½, decisioned Danny Santander, 120, six.
Four rounders: Jasalem Pascual, 125, won over Rolly Urbistondo, 124. Flash Modesto, 116, outscored Leo Dozal, 118. Edgar Capino, 106, won from Molito Apurado, 104. Salvador Antonio, 132, stopped Flash Bagnate, 132, in the opener.
Tony Banta, promoter.
Benedicto Ronquillo and Carlos Dizon, GAB witnesses.

►**TAYTAY, RIZAL**—Ador Seguin, the GAB's third ranked featherweight at 127, scored a technical knockout over Lorenzo Nabuab, 128½, at 1:45 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. J. Lansang, referee.
Orlando Guttierez, 118, won a unanimous verdict over Dong Canada, 114½, ten.
Elmer Guevarra, 108½, outscored Elmer de Gala, 108½, six.
Willie Bernadas, 116, decisioned Gil Lucban, 116½, six.
Richard Agbay, 125, won a majority nod over Romy Lamanosa, 126, six.
Four rounders: Jun Llano, 120, won from Sammy Bog Hagler, 121. Sammy Ansig, 114, and Henry Aguidar, 112½, fought to a majority draw in the opener.
Manuel Salvacion, promoter.
Carlos Roman, GAB witness.
(03-09-85)

►**MAASIM, SOUTH COTABATO**—Jun Belmac, 130, was held to a technical draw by Jun Garciano, also 130, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.
Cecelia Pagaran, promoter.
(03-10-85)

►**SANTIAGO, ISABELLA**—Boy Samson, 113, defeated Faustino Simbajon, 112½, by a unanimous decision, ten. Erbito Salavarria, former world flyweight champion, refereed.
Gerron Porras, 130, won a unanimous decision over Rudy Casicas, 126, ten. There were no preliminary bouts.
Gene Reyno, promoter.
Carlos Dizon and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.
(03-10-85)

►**DAVAO CITY—Rizal Park**—Gil Ragas, 117, the GAB's fourth ranked junior bantamweight, proved too sharp and strong for Rudy Casicas, 118, taking a unanimous decision, 10.
Engr. Andres Ong, promoter.
(03-14-85)

►**METRO MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Boy Blanca, 115½, won a tenth round TKO over defending champ ERRNIE Cataluna, 117½, in a scheduled 12. Larry Nadayag refereed.
Pablo Pepito, the GAB's top ranked junior featherweight at 124, was held to a split draw by Flash delos Reyes, 126, 10.
Rey Acita, 120, was awarded a split decision over Abel Magracia, 120½, 10.
Nick Dalisay, 111, scored an eighth round TKO over Armando Barzuela, 113, in a scheduled 10.
Ben Samson, 125, TKO'd Robert Rape, 122, in the seventh canto in a scheduled eight.
Louie Ilago, 127½, unanimously decisioned Leonardo Calmona, 130¾, six.
Ed Hemo, 109½, won from Ric Santiago, 111, six.
Four rounders: Boy Selda, 105, knocked out Roy del Castillo, 105, in the second round. Lito Namoco, 105½, fought to a technical draw with Omar Maca, 108½, in the opener.
Dante S. Almario, promoter.
Carlos Dizon and Romulo Santiago, GAB witnesses.
(03-15-85)

►**BROOKES POINT**—Ronnie Villescas, 118, scored a TKO victory over Juan Sagarino, 116, in the opening session of a scheduled four-rounder. This was the sole fight of the night; other scheduled bouts were cancelled.
William Tan, promoter.
Voltaire Reverente, GAB witness.
(03-19-85)

►**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Former Filipino champ Lule Villaverde, 125, won a unanimous decision over Amado Cabato, 125½, 10. Tom Evaristo, referee.
Flash Emmanuel, 122¼, was a unanimous points winner over Morris Pastor, 121¾, 10.
Rudy Casicas, 124, eked out a majority decision over Fel Aporto, 123¾, 10.
Louie Espinosa, 112¼, outscored Romy Austria, 109½, 10.
John Calanogan, 115, won from Gil Lucban, 115, eight.
Rex Rapiso, 110, decisioned Danny Duran, 108½, eight.
Four rounders: Elias Ramos, 127, outscored Jasalem Pascual, 125. Wilson Apurado, 112½, won over Alex dela Rosa, 112. Leo Dozal, 121, decisioned Jeffrey Don, 121½, in the opener.
Shozaburo Sato, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio S. delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(03-22-85)

►**ANGLES CITY—Holy Angel University**—Lito Pena, 133, retained his Filipino lightweight crown with a split decision over Amy Pacana, 134¼, 12. Onofre Perez, referee.
Allan Makitoki, 116, battered Tito Gregorio, 116, winning a unanimous decision, 10.
Fel Malatag, the GAB's sixth ranked junior featherweight, 122, scored a TKO over Boy Abuela, 123, at 2:35 of the seventh round in the first 10.
Richard Agbay, 125¾, won a unanimous verdict over Cecil Medina, 126½.
Soledad dela Pena, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(03-23-85)

►**DAVAO DEL SUR**—Tony Manulang, 130, registered a sixth round TKO over Jun Belimac, also 130, in a scheduled 10.
O. Pagaran, promoter.
(03-30-85)

►**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Jun Resma, the top Filipino junior bantamweight contender at 116, proved too ringwise and sharp for veteran Ric Barimbad, also 116, winning a unanimous decision, 10.
Exequel Labrador, promoter.
(03-30-85)

►**LAPU-LAPU CITY, CEBU**—Benjie Miole, 116, won a split decision over Zaldy Baguio, 116¾, 10.
Ernie Sanico, 123½, scored a technical knockout over Lord Jim, 123, in a scheduled 10.
Roberto Edillo, promoter.
(03-30-85)

►**QUEZON CITY—Araneta Coliseum**—OPBF junior lightweight champion Rod Sequenan, 130, stopped Thai champ Sak Galaxy, also 130, at 2:54 of the second round in a scheduled 12. Rod was named "Boxer of the Month" by the GAB. Larry Nadayag, referee.
Orlando Guttierez, 120, was given a majority decision over Bert Gomez, also 120, 10. Danny Rodenas, referee.
Boy Samson, the GAB's sixth ranked flyweight at 113½, scored an upset decision over Rene Busayong, ex-Filipino champ at 113½, 10. Veleriano Deocariza, referee.
Jun Tito, 124½, caught Wick Tengam, 123, and tabbed a TKO win at 0:52 of the sixth session in a scheduled 10. Joe Lansang, referee.
The first 10 saw Momong Manaay, 128, score a TKO over Juanito Favila, also 128, in the eighth round. Tom Evaristo, referee.
Sugar Rey Adonis, 130¼, won a unanimous nod over Ranel Pastorfide, 129, eight.
Tacy Macalos, 108, TKO'd Danny Duran, 108¾, at 1:24 of the sixth canto in a scheduled eight.
Jhun Celestia, 119, unanimously decisioned Danny Santander, 121½, six.
Louie Gonzales, 112, outscored Elmer Guevarra, also 112, in six.
Four rounders: Molito Apurado, 101¼, decisioned Alex Santiago, 102. Oscar Reyes II, 124½, stopped Danny Bargo, 121½, at 1:50 of the second round. Mjie Bonna, 119¾, won from Bert Granciosa, 121, in the opener.
Lope Sarreal, Jr., promoter.
Carlos Roman and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.
(03-30-85)

►**BAGUIO CITY**—John Matienza, 124, pounded out a unanimous decision over Bert Pucay, 124, 10. Onofre Perez, promoter.
Constancio Dangla, 114¼, registered a TKO over Ellyzer Guevarra, 113, at 1:43 of the seventh round in their scheduled 10.
Boy Villa, 124, eked out a split duke over G.I. Badongen, 126, six.
Sammy Baculong, 113, drew with Ramon Medina, 115¼, six.
Four rounders: Ricardo Dongael, 134, knocked out Frank Fatog, 133¼, in 0:43 of the second round. Percy Mascay, 111, finished Emmanuel Kiwas, Jr., 110, at 2:59 of the second. Julio Uangey, 126, halted Joe Sarlipan, 126, at 0:32 of the second stanza in the opener.
Castillo Kiwang, promoter.
Carlos Dizon and Vedasto Adriano, GAB witnesses.
(03-30-85)

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THAILAND

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai Suracharern, the Thai Commission's second ranked junior welterweight at 136, scored an easy knockout over Jomphop Sithsomanus, an old fighter at 137, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(03-01-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai junior flyweight champ Chaiya Singchachvan, 108, ran his unbeaten log to 5-0 with a unanimous decision from Filipino titlist Edwin Inocencio, 109, in 10.
Chaiya, a former Thai amateur kingpin, is scheduled to fight IBF world ruler Dodie Penalosa, the unbeaten Filipino lefty, in a bid for the crown.
(03-03-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sakdisamuth Singsamang, perennial top Thai flyweight contender, 113, hit the deck in the third round and lost an unexpected decision to fellow southpaw Porntip H. Mahachai, 113, six.
(03-04-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Phadungsak Sithkempetch, the TBC's 10th ranked flyweight, 112, also dropped an upset decision to a newcomer. The winner was Kamoldech Singrungroj, also 112, who proved a good prospect. He floored the heavy favorite in the fourth canto. It was Kamoldech's pro debut.
(03-07-85)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Narongthavat Nabumrung, the TBC's third ranked junior fly, 112, stopped Narongdech Petsingha, also 112, in the first round of a scheduled six.

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Vibul Kiatsoros, 114, copped a unanimous duke over ex-Thai flyweight boss Sritanya Sithsaneh, 112, six.
(03-06-85)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Having scored a sensation with an upset win over hard-hitting Pongpan Sorphayathai last year, Ekarag Singnakornlueng has become a popular fighter among Thai fight fans. Ekarag, 124, eked out a split nod over Kongnapha Sing Tor Chor, also 124, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(03-12-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—It was a terrific fight. Former Thai champ Kolyuth Pornpanthumnu, 135, dropped Danchai Yuthkit, also 135, twice in the second round, but was sent to dreamland in the fifth.
(03-11-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Singkrungthon, the number seven junior bantamweight, 120, won a unanimous decision over Yongsak Yuthakit, also 120, six.
(03-14-85)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—On the daytime card, Yungyai Petchvichan, Lumpinee's junior feather champ at 128, faced old soldier Veerachai S. Kiatpradit, 126, and polished him off in the first minute of the opening session in a scheduled six.
On the night card, Surasith Meeprasert, the TBC's top junior bantamweight contender, 117, avenged a previous loss by winning a unanimous decision over Sakdichai Kiatsonthaya, also 117, six.
Last July, Surasith dropped an upset verdict to the tough Sakdichai, the Thai officials rendering a split decision.
(03-16-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—When Yodkwan Donjadee stepped into the ring, people laughed at his rotund physique. But Yodkwan, the TBC's top junior welterweight, 145, stopped Yoknoi Wangthong, 147, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(03-17-85)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—In a tune-up go for next month's title defense, Thai flyweight kingpin Nongberd Naphataya, 113, won a unanimous decision over Ittirit Looklampakchee, 112, six.
(03-23-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sakdising Singkungthon, the top Thai bantamweight contender, 118, was floored and stopped by up-and-coming prospect Downmai Sithkodom, 117, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight. Downmai was leading on points.
The loser had been ranked 10th by the OPBF.
(03-25-85)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Old timer Niphonyuth Sakadam, 118, dominated the first two rounds but collapsed at the hands of Nakarach Kiatsemork, 117, in the third canto of a scheduled six.
Nakarach, the Thai Commission's seventh ranked junior flyweight, is no longer able to fight at 108 pounds.
(03-26-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kongkrung Kiatkriangkai, perennial top Thai flyweight contender at 110, lost a split decision to veteran Kwanjai Sorpengpis (AKA Kwanjai Muangsurin), 108, eight.
(03-28-85)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Former WBC super flyweight champ Payao Poontarat lost a onesided decision to Kongthoranee Payakaroon, the Thai Commission's second ranked bantie, 10. Payao looked like a different fighter from the one he had been. He couldn't move or toss his specialty, left jabs, at all. It was the upset winner's second bout after a long *Muay-Thai* (national kick boxing) career. "I will call it quits," said Poontarat. "I admit I was pathetic. I had no strength in my legs and no will to fight tonight. I won a bronze medal in the Montreal Olympic Games and the world super flyweight title from Rafael Orono. That's enough."
Kongthoranee is the elder brother of Thai junior featherweight sensation named Samart Payakaroon. Samart entered the WBC top 10 due to his upset kayo over OPBF bantam kingpin Neptali Alamag in a non-title go—although the Council nominally requires a fighter to have at least 15 bouts before being rated in the top 10. His brother, influenced by Samart's success, invaded the "international style" field.
(04-02-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thavat Kiatpongchinda, Thai mini-flyweight champ at 111, engaged in an easy non-title go and finished Dechchainat Donjadee, 110, in the second round of a scheduled eight.
(04-04-85)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Kairung Sithpayak,

former mini-flyweight titlist at 109, needed just a minute to demolish Anusorn Wangtong, 106, in the first round of a scheduled six.
(04-05-85)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Dangnuen Kiat RD., 123, former Lumpinee bantamweight champ, made a comeback and easily TKO'd Cementnoi Chor Rompoh, also 123, with three knockdowns in the first round of a scheduled six.
(04-06-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Eak Donjadee, 110, the TBC's 10th ranked mini-flyweight, scored an easy kayo over amateurish Wangthong, 110, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(04-07-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Flyweight gold medalist in the 1982 Asian Games, Teeraporn Saengano, 114, made his pro debut and defeated ex-Mexican champ Jorge Cano, 113, a southpaw, by a unanimous decision, 10.

Teeraporn had the Mexican at bay in rounds five and eight. Scoring: 98-94, 99-94, and 98-94.

Larry Rozadilla (Los Angeles) came to Bangkok to referee this fight.
(04-08-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chokchai Chorchang, the TBC's seventh ranked mini-flyweight at 112, easily disposed of newcomer Win Kiatsonthaya, 111, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(04-10-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Danchai Yuthakit, the Thai Commission's second ranked lightweight at 132, dropped an upset decision to much smaller Thongberm Lukmatulee, the TBC's fourth ranked feather at 129, eight.

Danchai, a slow southpaw, couldn't cope with Thongberm's speed.
(04-11-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kamoldech Singroongroj, 114, won a unanimous decision over Eakumnej Yanbangsui, 113, six.
(04-15-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Pansaknoi Kiatkaisorn, 135, the TBC's sixth ranked lightweight, finished Lert Singsongphol, 132½, with great ease in the third round of a scheduled six.
(04-17-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Hard hitting Pholrom Kiattisakpravit, 115, was knocked out by more experienced Sombutryod Singsamang, 116, in the second session of a scheduled six.
(04-18-85)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—After a five-year layoff since his first bout in "international style" boxing, *Muay-Thai* (kick-boxing) champ Sangsakda Kittikasem, 126, knocked out Aisu Sorchaicherernkit, 128, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
(04-20-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai flyweight champion Nongberd Naphataya, 112, successfully defended his title for the second time, winning a unanimous decision over Vibul Kiatsoros, 111, 10.
(04-22-85)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Another hard punching *Muay-Thai* fighter, Gongchak Sithyodthong, 116, a game lefty, far behind on points after five rounds, turned the tables by knocking out Sakdichai Kiatsonthaya, also 116, in the sixth and final session with an uppercut.
(04-23-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Yuenyong Sithprasong, 116, the TBC's second ranked flyweight, stopped Downoi Sithsanae, the number six junior bantamweight, 115, in the third canto of a scheduled eight.

The loser had to lose 10 pounds very quickly, and was sluggish.
(04-24-85)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—There were actually two cards, one in the daytime, one at night.

On the TV Channel 7 card, Pongpan Sorphayathai, the WBC's 19th ranked super bantamweight at 126, made a comeback but lost an upset decision to newcomer Kongnapha Singthorachao, 126, the TBC's second ranked featherweight, eight.

On the night card, Sakdisamuth Singsamang, 112, stopped newcomer Fahmeechai Jitchaya, 108, in the third round of a scheduled eight.
(04-27-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Fast-rising Surasith Meeprasert, the TBC's top junior bantam contender at 116½, won a unanimous decision over Downmai Sithkodom, 117, eight.
(04-28-85)

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai Suracharern, 140, won the vacant Thai junior welterweight title by knocking out Yodkwan Donjadee, 138, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
(04-29-85)

►**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Samart Payakaroon, 122, won a unanimous decision over Yong-Ho Lee, 121, Korea, 10. Payakaroon, the WBC's 10th ranked super bantam, was handicapped by a sore hand.

The Thai is now 7-0 with three kayoes. He may soon get a crack at WBC champ Juan (Kid) Meza.
(04-30-85)

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AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

►**KANWAL—Wyong Rugby League Football Club**—Former State amateur champion Guy Waters, 174½, gained a close points win over John Bogolin, 175¼, over ten rounds. Referee Brian McMahon scored 98-97; his twin brother Bernie, who judged, had 98-96, while judge Tony Rok tallied 97-94. It was a very good fight with Bogolin coming home strongly. He and Guy had a hard get together in the amateurs, too.

Guy Waters, aged 21, and his two brothers, Dean and Troy all won NSW State amateur titles in 1983. Guy suffered an injury which kept him out of the Australian titles that year. A pity, as Dean won the national heavyweight title, Troy the national welter title. Maybe Guy could have made it a threesome, which would have been a record.

In an eight-rounder, Robbie Fowler, 152¼, drew with Miguel Pimentel, 153¼.

In a four, Mick Ambrose, 174¼, KO 2 Shane Grant, 158¼.

The show was promoted by Central Coast Boxing Promotions, headed by Cec Waters, father and trainer of the champs.
(04-19-85)

►**GWYNNEVILLE—Beaton Park Basketball Stadium**—Australian junior welterweight champion Pat Leglise, 142, had to pick himself off the floor for the first time in his pro career when he ran into a short right to the jaw from Mark Apai, 148½, of Papua New Guinea. That was in round four. Leglise rose early in the count and was cautious for the remainder of the round. However, came round six and Leglise unleashed an identical punch on Apai. Down went Mark. He did not make it to his feet in time, referee Paul Moore tolling the dismal decimal one second after the end of the round. It is law here that the count must continue after the bell (except in the final round) if a boxer is on the floor.

At the end of round five, all officials had Leglise ahead but not by much—48-46, 48-47, 49-48.

Six rounds: Shorty Roberts, 128, outpointed Bobby Mastro, 127, split decision. Jimmy Henry, 140, KO 2 Ross Epifania, 144, count-out. Nooky Curyer, 159, outpointed Robbie Fowler, 150½.

Promoter was Mick Driscoll, backed by Ron Cross and Brian Ingliss.
(04-20-85).

►**MOORE PARK—Hordern Pavilion, Sydney Showground**—20-year-old local lad Jeff Fenech, 117, became the IBF world bantamweight champion when he stopped defending title holder Satoshi Shingaki, 117, in round nine of a scheduled 15. Referee Bruce McTavish of New Zealand, now residing in the Philippines, called a halt when Shingaki stood stunned against the ropes copping a blast.

Fenech had been in control from round one. He certainly knows how to handle southpaws, and did not lose a round. At the end of eight, Australian judge Paul Moore had Fenech ahead 80-72, as did American judge Ric Bays; the Japanese judge, Kiyoshi Kazama, came up with the ridiculous tally of 80-80.

Fenech won the title in his seventh professional contest. That is not a record in number of bouts to a title. Saensak Musngaurin won the junior welter in his third fight. He won it a second time in his 7th fight—which makes Fenech's win equal second. However, Jeff Fenech set one record that will take some beating: from the time of his first professional fight to the winning of a world title was 196 days! That beats Muangsurin's time by 45 days.

Fenech is a good boxer-fighter. He also is a decent lad who gives boxing a good image. When he makes personal appearances, he dresses neatly and wears a tie. He gives the right answers and is modest. He is trained by Johnny Lewis, one of nature's gentlemen. They are a good team. Fenech's manager is lawyer Colin Love.

When they returned home to Japan, Shingaki's party put in a protest to the IBF about the contest being stopped. What did they want, a massacre of their boxer?

Troy Waters, brother of Guy, who won at Kanwal, outpointed Anthony Naidu over eight rounds. Waters, 151½, had to survive a knockdown in round two but won by a unanimous decision from judges Brian and Bernie McMahon and Tony Rok. Referee Johnny Wright did not score. Good fight. Naidu weighed in at 148.

In a six, Doug Sam, 176¼, halted Johnny Taupau, 171½, in round four because of a cut eye. Sam, of the State of Queensland, was ahead on points at the time. Cut came from punch so Sam won KO 4. Brian McMahon refereed. Judges were Bernie McMahon, John Wright and Tony Rok.

Marty Feighan, 127½, halted Filipino Jorge Olan, 125½, in the final round of a six. Referee Johnny Wright stopped the contest at 43 seconds of the round as Olan was being punished.

In another six Kirk Blair, 135¼, outpointed Peter Sierota, 142. Brian McMahon refereed. Bernie McMahon and Tony Rok judged. This last six took place after the main event.

Bill Mordey promoted and got almost a capacity house (about 100 short), which means a crowd of more than 5,000. Channel 9 televised the program from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30, taking in the main and some of the prelims. On the same night, in Melbourne, 500 miles south, Lester Ellis defended his IBF world junior lightweight title against Rod Sequenan. That was televised by Channel 7 from 9:30 p.m., so the State that took both programs certainly had a good night of boxing.
(04-26-85)

►**SMITHFIELD—RSL Club**—John Dabbene, 110½, outpointed veteran Bobby Williams, 111, over ten rounds to win the vacant NSW State flyweight title. Scores were 100-95, 100-94, and 97-94. Referee was Billy Males, a good third man.

In an eight-rounder, Glenn Hillier, 140, KO 6 Danny Shane, 135.

In a six, Charlie Lewis, 132¼, outpointed Andy Faulkner, 132¾.

In a four, Chris Dawe, 129¾, outpointed Mario Crisafulli, 129¼.

Promoter was Frank Axisa. (04-26-85)

VICTORIA

►**BRAYBROOK—Hotel**—Rodney Bowman, 124, outpointed Filipino George Olan, 126, in the main-event eight-rounder. (Olan used his real first name, Jorge, in a contest in Sydney on April 26.) Referee Johnny Wheeler scored 80-73; judge Pauline Steinmann had it 80-72; judge Carey Young also saw it 80-72.

Six rounds: Sam Giordano, 161, outpointed Hercules Hazleman, 152¼. Joe Cutajar, 139, KO 6 Joe Nakui, 152¼.

Four rounds: Ken Banks, 160, KO 1 Jeff Ellis, 161. Ellis was down and out at ten seconds. Referee Tony Parisi counted to four, then stopped the contest. Total time from bell to crowning of winner: 14 seconds.

Three rounds: Richard Corrigan, 136¾, outpointed Pat Mudford, 136¾. Trevor Keegan, 158¾, outpointed Barkam Karman, 161.

Promoter was Max Bowman.
(04-12-85)

►**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—Lester Ellis, 129, defended his IBF world junior lightweight title successfully against Filipino southpaw Rod Sequenan, 129, but he sure did it the hard way. Lester is a good boxer, a good fighter, is tough and as courageous and determined as they come, but he does not handle southpaws easily, and this one sure caused him a great deal of trouble.

Early in round one—practically with the first punch—Sequenan stuttered Lester's knees. He maintaned the pressure and only Lester's big heart kept him in there for the first three rounds. But Ellis came on and proved to be faster than his challenger. He went to a points lead.

At the end of round 12, Australian judge Cliff Heaver had Ellis ahead by two points—115-113; Hawaian judge Louis Race had Ellis ahead 116-113; but Filipino judge Eduardo Velasco had his countryman ahead, 116-113; but Filipino judge Eduardo Velasco had his countryman ahead, 116-113. What is the point in importing judges from the countries of the visitors?

In round 13, Ellis got well on top. A left hook shook Sequenan loose at the hinges. Ellis went on with it. Sequenan showed great heart as he wobbled around the ring but would not go down—but, finally, down he went. Three seconds remained to the normal end of the round but the bell was withheld as is the IBF rule while American referee Lucien Joubert counted out Sequenan. Ellis thus retained his title with a 13-round KO.

Ellis, like Jeff Fenech, Australia's other IBF champion, is a decent lad, one who is a credit to boxing.

Australian junior lightweight champion Tony Miller, like Lester Ellis, undefeated, scored a clear win over Filipino Lulu Villaverde, over ten rounds. Miller scaled 125¾, Villaverde 124½. Gus Mercurio refereed. Norm Foster and Malcolm Bulner judged.

In another ten, Australian heavyweight champion Dave Russell, 192¾, met Australian light heavyweight champion Wally Carr, 184. Non-title, but, of course, if Carr had stopped Russell he automatically would have taken his title. That is the rule. However, the question did not arise, as Russell won comfortably. Carr pleased the crowd with his sense of humour during the fight. Bulner refereed. Johnny Wheeler and Mercurio judged.

Six rounds: Robbie Nava, 149¼, outpointed Sam Giordano, 154½. Hercules Hazleman, 152, outpointed Bill Stevanovski, 146½.

Promoter by Super Star Promotions, Cos Sita in charge.
(04-26-85).

QUEENSLAND

►**MANSFIELD—Tavern**—Two ten-rounders headlined.

Ronald Doo, 142, halted Guy Parker, 148, in round nine due to a cut eye. Doo held a lead at the time but Parker was in there.

In the other 10, Mike Slivka, 134, drew with Johnny Fooks, 134. Judges Cyril Cairns and John Cox carded

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Tubbs (U.S.)
1. Mike Weaver (U.S.)
2. Gerrie Coetzee (South Africa)
3. Michael Dokes (U.S.)
4. Greg Page (U.S.)
5. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
6. Tim Witherspoon (U.S.)
7. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
8. Gerry Cooney (U.S.)
9. Mitchell Green (U.S.)
10. Anders Eklund (Sweden)

JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Piet Crous (South Africa)
1. Dwight Braxton (U.S.)
2. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
3. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
4. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
5. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
6. Prince Mama Muhammad (Uganda)
7. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
8. Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
9. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
10. Randy Stephens (U.S.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Spinks (U.S.)
1. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
2. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Vez.)
3. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
4. J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
5. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
6. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
7. Jim MacDonald (U.S.)
8. Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
9. David Sears (U.S.)
10. Don LaLonde (Canada)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. James Shuler (U.S.)
2. James Kinchen (U.S.)
3. Doug DeWitt (U.S.)
4. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
5. Donald Lee (U.S.)
6. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
7. John Collins (U.S.)
8. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
9. Louis Acaries (France)
10. Sumbu Kalambay (Zaire)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike McCallum (U.S.)
1. David Braxton (U.S.)
2. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
3. John Mugabi (Uganda)
4. Davey Moore (U.S.)
5. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
6. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
7. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
8. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
9. Tadashi Mihara (Japan)
10. Sean Mannion (U.S.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Donald Curry (U.S.)
1. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)
2. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
3. Harold Volbrecht (South Africa)
4. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
5. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
6. Horace Shufford (U.S.)
7. David Hilton (Canada)
8. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
9. Robert Rucker (U.S.)
10. Junya Kushikino (Japan)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Gene Hatcher (U.S.)
1. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)
2. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
3. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
4. Eung-Shik Kim (Korea)
5. Brian Baronet (South Africa)
6. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
7. Ronnie Shields (U.S.)
8. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
9. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
10. Lonnie Smith (U.S.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Livingstone Bramble (U.S.)
1. Tyrone Crawley (U.S.)
2. Geronimo Luquez (Argentina)
3. Hector Camacho (U.S.)
4. Jorge Alvarado (Panama)
5. Ray Mancini (U.S.)
6. Howard Davis, Jr. (U.S.)
7. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
8. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
9. Rodolfo Gonzalez (Mexico)
10. Orlando Romero (Peru)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
1. Alfredo Layne (Panama)
2. Tomas Rodriguez (Puerto Rico)
3. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
4. Isaiah Ikhoni (Japan)
5. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U.S.)
7. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
8. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
9. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
10. Brian Mitchell (South Africa)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eusebio Pedroza (Panama)
1. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
2. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
3. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
4. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
5. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
6. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
7. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
8. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
9. Jose Marmolejos (Panama)
10. Richard Savage (U.S.)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
1. Leonardo Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
2. Loris Stecca (Italy)
3. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
4. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
6. Jose Meneses (Panama)
7. Oscar Muniz (U.S.)
8. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
9. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
10. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Richard Sandoval (U.S.)
1. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
2. Chan-Yong Park (Korea)
3. Freddie Jackson (U.S.)
4. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
5. Enrique Sanchez (Dom. Rep.)
6. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
7. Benito Badilla (Chile)
8. Edgar Roman (Venezuela)
9. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
10. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kaosai Galaxy (Thailand)
1. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
2. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
3. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
4. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
5. Oscar Bolivar (Colombia)
6. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
7. Payao Poontarat (Thailand)
8. Jose Chacon (Panama)
9. Elly Pical (Indonesia)
10. Kazuo Katsuma (Japan)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Santos Laciar (Argentina)
1. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
2. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
3. Antoine Montero (France)
4. Alonzo Gonzalez (U.S.)
5. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
6. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
7. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
8. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
9. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
10. Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Joey Olivo (U.S.)
1. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
2. Francisco Quiroz (Dominican Rep.)
3. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
4. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
5. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
6. Oh-Kong Son (Korea)
7. Moon-Jin Choi (Korea)
8. Kenbun Taiho (Japan)
9. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
10. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)

even, but judge John Bailey saw it Slivka's way. Good bout.

Gary Tomlinson, 157, outpointed Alan Willoughby, 159, six.

Four rounders: Keith Arnold, 144, outpointed Nick Paul, 148; Ken Crilly, 128, outpointed Roy Saunders, 128.

Promoted by Liam Rigney. Denzil Creed refereed all bouts.

►**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Two tens headlined.

Dale Artango, 138, leading contender for Pat Leglise's Australian junior welter title, outpointed Western Australian State champion Mick Rowley, 140. Decision was split, one official carding 97-96 for Rowley. The other two had Artango a big winner—100-90 and 99-92. Did not see it, so I cannot comment. Good contest by reports.

In the other ten, Peroy Israel, 125, drew with Russell Finn, 126. The bout was billed for the vacant Queensland State feather title. Still vacant, following that decision. Two judges each scored 97-97, the third had 97-96 to Finn. Good fight.

There was a ten-rounder in support. Graeme Looker, 147, outpointed Brian Roberts, 144. Easy win—w00-90, 100-89, 100-92.

Three rounds: Aron Heriques, 144, KO 1 Edward Blitner, 152. Referee Alan Moore counted out Blitner in 17 seconds. Blitner certainly was blitzed!

Reg Layton and Wally Taylor promoted.
(04-25-85).

►**CHANDLER—Sleeman Sports Centre**—There is a new Australian welterweight champion. In a gruelling and exciting battle, former junior welter champion Brian Janssen, 146½, outpointed defender Russell Sands, 146½, twelve. Referee Norm Foster carded 119-110; judge Ed Francis had it 118-112; judge Clive Greedy saw it 119-110. Despite the scoring, it was a thriller. Received a large shower of notes and coins.

In a ten-round support, Norm Stevens, 136, outpointed Tiger Mann, 132¼, Papua New Guinea. Good bout with Tiger walking up, and Stevens outboxing him. Referee Denzil Creed did not score. Judge Norm Foster had it 99-91; judge John Bailey, 99-92; judge Cyril Cairns, 98-93.

In another ten Leroy King, 146¾, stopped Danny Davies, 147¾, in round four. Referee Foster stopped the action and crowned King at 60 seconds of the round. KO 4.

Steve Peel, 147¾, outpointed Keith Arnold, 143¼, six.

Four rounders: Tuna Wilson, 202¾, KO 1 Charlie Stockham, 185¼; Roy Saunders, 131¼, outpointed Ken Crilly, 131¼.

Promoter was George Balandinos who used to box as Cyclone George.
(04-25-85).

NORTHERN TERRITORY

►**DARWIN**—Only one professional fight on the bill, the rest amateur. Veteran Sam Wickman, was kayoed in round three of a scheduled eight-rounder by Rick Kulu, who came up from Sydney.
(04-26-85).

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

►**PERTH—Function Centre**—Lou Cafaro, 159¼, had a good win when he kayoed Joe Nitiva, 158 of Fiji in round seven. Referee Bill Ivory stopped the contest as Nitiva was taking punishment. He too two counts during the bout. Judges Bill Driffell and Laurie Flanders had Cafaro ahead.

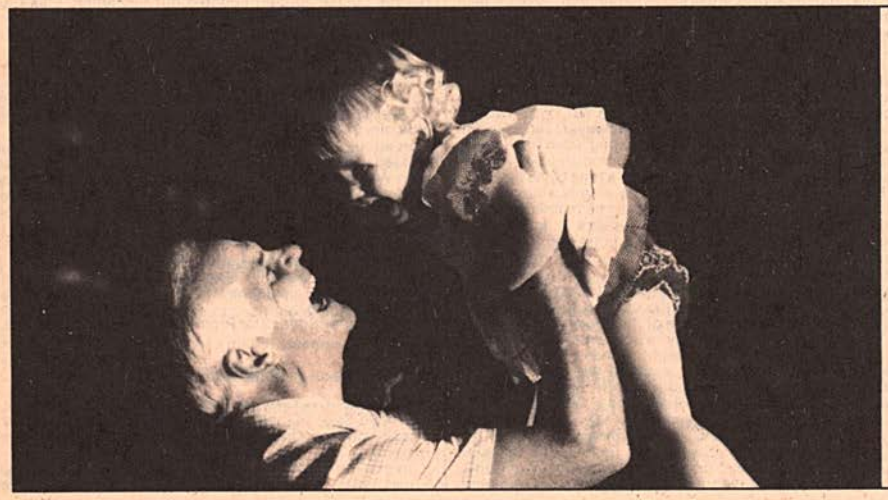
Over six rounds, Eugene Eades, 163¼, halted Alan Black, 169, in round five. Referee Laurie Flanders stopped the contest with Black exhausted.

Two other sixes resulted: Alan Mosley, 152¼, outpointed Emil Jurica, 143; John Princiotto, 137¾, outpointed Harvey Coyne, 129.

George Gasser, 120;¼, outpointed Jeff Coyne, 129, four.

Promoted by John Lawson and Joe Fazio.
(04-17-85)

RAY MITCHELL



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WORLD RATINGS
BY THE WORLD BOXING COUNCIL
(As of May 15, 1985)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Pinklon Thomas (U.S.)
1. Mike Weaver (U.S.)
2. Michael Dokes (U.S.)
3. Tim Witherspoon (U.S.)
4. Greg Page (U.S.)
5. Gerry Cooney (U.S.)
6. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
7. David Bey (U.S.)
8. Mitchell Green (U.S.)
9. Jeff Sims (U.S.)
10. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
11. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
12. Carl Williams (U.S.)
13. James Broad (U.S.)
14. Marvis Frazier (U.S.)
15. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
16. Anders Eklund (Sweden)
17. Walter Daniel Falconi (Arg.)
18. Randall (Tex) Cobb (U.S.)
19. Eddie Gregg (U.S.)
20. James Smith (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
1. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
2. Dwight Braxton (U.S.)
3. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
4. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
5. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
6. Rickey Parkey (U.S.)
7. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
8. Henry Hearns (U.S.)
9. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
10. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
11. Dorcy Gaymon (U.S.)
12. Leon Spinks (U.S.)
13. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (U.S.)
14. Mitchell Greer (U.S.)
15. Pete McIntyre (U.S.)
16. Young Joe Louis (U.S.)
17. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
18. Larry Lane (U.S.)
19. Spencer Chavis (U.S.)
20. Slobovan Kacar (Yugoslavia)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Spinks (U.S.)
1. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
2. Prince Mama Mohammad (Ghana)
3. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
4. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Vez.)
5. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
6. J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
7. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
8. Leslie Steward (Trinidad)
9. Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
10. James MacDonald (U.S.)
11. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
12. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
13. David Sears (U.S.)
14. Richard Caramanolis (France)
15. John Davis (U.S.)
16. Don LaLonde (Canada)
17. Bobby Jennings (U.S.)
18. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
19. Grover Robinson (U.S.)
20. Anthony Witherspoon (U.S.)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. James Shuler (U.S.)
2. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
3. James Kinchen (U.S.)
4. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
5. Donald Lee (U.S.)
6. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
7. Curtis Parker (U.S.)
8. John Collins (U.S.)
9. Doug DeWitt (U.S.)
10. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
11. Mark Holmes (U.S.)
12. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
13. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
14. Sumbu Kalambay (Zaire)
15. Lindell Holmes (U.S.)
16. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
17. Mike Tinley (U.S.)
18. Kevin Mosley (U.S.)
19. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
20. Michael Olajide (Canada)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Thomas Hearns (U.S.)
1. John Mugabi (Uganda)
2. David Braxton (U.S.)
3. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
4. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
5. Fred Hutchings (U.S.)
6. Davey Moore (U.S.)
7. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
8. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
9. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
10. James Green (U.S.)
11. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
12. Mark Medal (U.S.)
13. Wilfred Benitez (P.R.)
14. Sean Mannion (U.S.)
15. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
16. Georg Steinherr (Germany)
17. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
18. Darnell Knox (U.S.)
19. Robert Hines (U.S.)
20. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Milton McCrory (U.S.)
1. Horace Shufford (U.S.)
2. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
3. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
4. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)
5. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
6. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
7. David Hilton (Canada)
8. Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
9. Pedro Vilella (U.S.)
10. Marlon Starling (U.S.)
11. Simon Brown (U.S.)
12. Pablo Baez (Dominican Republic)
13. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
14. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
15. Sylvester Mitte (Great Britain)
16. Luis Santana (U.S.)
17. Junya Kushikino (Japan)
18. Seung-Sun Lee (Korea)
19. Judas Clottey (Ghana)
20. Jerome Kinney (U.S)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Bill Costello (U.S.)
1. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
2. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
3. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
4. Ronnie Shields (U.S.)
5. Saul Julio (Colombia)
6. Leroy Haley (U.S.)
7. Eung-Shik Kim (Korea)
8. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
9. Billy Famous (Nigeria)
10. Gary Hinton (U.S.)
11. Mitchell Julian (U.S.)
12. Saoul Mamby (U.S.)
13. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)
14. Lonnie Smith (U.S.)
15. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
16. Joe Louis Manley (U.S.)
17. James (Buddy) McGirt (U.S.)
18. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
19. Cubanito Perez (U.S.)
20. Othal Dixon (U.S.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Hector Camacho (U.S.)
3. Tyrone Crawley (U.S.)
4. Howard Davis, Jr. (U.S.)
5. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Uganda)
6. John Montes (U.S.)
7. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
8. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
9. Roque Montoya (Mexico)
10. Ray Mancini (U.S.)
11. Tsuyoshi Hamada (Japan)
12. Heung-Suk Yuh (Korea)
13. Harry Arroyo (U.S.)
14. Darryll Tyson (U.S.)
15. Jesus Romero (Argentina)
16. Terrence Alli (Guyana)
17. Robin Blake (U.S.)
18. Rene Weller (Germany)
19. Ricardo Peralta (Mexico)
20. Jong Jong Pacquing (Philippines)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Julio Cesar Chavez (Mexico)
1. Roger Mayweather (U.S.)
2. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
3. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
4. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
6. Dennis Cruz (U.S.)
7. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
8. Ruben Castillo (U.S.)
9. Juan LaPorte (Puerto Rico)
10. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
11. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
12. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)
13. Isaiah Ikhoni (Japan)
14. Kenny Baysmore (U.S.)
15. Daniel Londas (France)
16. Kamel Bou Ali (Tunisia)
17. Alfredo Layne (Panama)
18. John Sichula (Zambia)
19. Chung-Won Chung (Korea)
20. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
3. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
4. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
5. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
6. Dana Roston (U.S.)
7. Richard Savage (U.S.)
8. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
9. Kelvin Grove (U.S.)
10. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
11. Lupe Suarez (U.S.)
12. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
13. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
14. Tommy Cordova (U.S.)
15. Adrian Arreola (U.S.)
16. Irving Mitchell (U.S.)
17. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
18. Roger Arvelano (Mexico)
19. Anthony English (U.S)
20. Tyrone Downes (U.S.)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Juan (Kid) Meza (Mexico)
1. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
2. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
3. Lupe Pintor (Mexico)
4. Oscar Muniz (U.S.)
5. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
6. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
7. Mike Ayala (U.S.)
8. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)
9. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
10. Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)
11. Jose Meneses (Panama)
12. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
13. Jesus Flores (Mexico)
14. James Pipps (U.S.)
15. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
16. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)
17. Loris Stecca (Italy)
18. Aaron Lopez (U.S.)
19. Modest Napunyi (Kenya)
20. Manuel Batista (Dominican Rep.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
1. Freddie Jackson (U.S.)
2. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
3. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
4. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
5. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
6. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
7. Chan-Young Park (Korea)
8. Hurely Snead (U.S.)
9. Harold Petty (U.S.)
10. Jerome Coffee (U.S.)
11. Benito Badilla (Chile)
12. Azael Moran (Panama)
13. James Manning (U.S.)
14. Ki-Youal Kang (Korea)
15. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
16. Lucio Lopez (Argentina)
17. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
18. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
19. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
20. Diego Avila (Mexico)

SUPER FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jiro Watanabe (Japan)
1. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
2. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
3. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
4. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
5. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
6. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
7. Kazuo Katsuma (Japan)
8. Julio Soto Solano (Dominican Rep.)
9. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
10. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
11. Kongtoranee Payakarum (Thailand)
12. Antonio Avilar (Mexico)
13. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Rep.)
14. Jose Chacon (Panama)
15. Dong-Chun Lee (Korea)
16. Ruben Condori (Argentina)
17. Lorimer Pontino (Philippines)
18. Kap-Sup Song (Korea)
19. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
20. Joo-Do Chun (Korea)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Sot Chitalada (Thailand)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
3. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
4. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
5. Hilario Zapata (Mexico)
6. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico
7. Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
8. Alberto Castro (Columbia)
9. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
10. Bi-Won Chung (Korea)
11. Antoine Montero (France)
12. Alonzo Gonzalez (U.S.)
13. Shuichi Hozumi (Japan)
14. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
15. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
16. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
17. Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)
18. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
19. Marco A. Benitez (Mexico)
20. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jung-Koo Chang (Korea)
1. German Torres (Mexico)
2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
4. Javier Alonso (Mexico)
5. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
6. Augustin Garcia (Colombia)
7. Moon-Jin Choi (Korea)
8. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
9. Francisco Quiroz (Dominican Rep.)
10. Myung-Woo Yuh (Korea)
11. Oh-Kong Son (Korea)
12. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
13. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
14. Yoshiaki Nojima (Japan)
15. Chun-Hwan Choi (Korea)
16. Kenji Ono (Japan)
17. Steve Bell (Australia)
18. Tomohiro Kiuna (Japan)
19. Babe Luis (Mexico)
20. Efren Pinto (Mexico)

WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Larry Holmes W15 Carl Williams
(Retained IBF Title)
Marvis Frazier W10 James Tillis
Jesse Ferguson W10 Buster Douglas
Eddie Gregg W10 Tex Cobb
Larry Alexander KO9 Mike White
Tyrell Biggs KO2 Grady Daniels
Phillip Brown KO8 Rodney Frazier
Francesco Damiani KO1 Larry Robinson
Willie de Whitt W6 Sterling Benjamin
Pierre Coetzer W10 Rocky Sekorski

CRUISERWEIGHTS

Alfonso Ratliff W12 Carlos DeLeon
(Won WBC Title)
Leon Spinks W10 Roughhouse Fisher
Bert Cooper KO3 Larry Givens
Bash Ali KO2 Young Joe Louis

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Michael Spinks KO8 Jim MacDonald
(Retained World Title)
Willie Edwards KO9 Don Lalonde
(Retained NABF Title)
Dennis Andries KO5 Tim Broady
Vaughn Hooks KO1 Arthur Wright
Robert Folley KO2 Mike Pollitt
Junior Edmunds KO4 Bobby Jennings

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

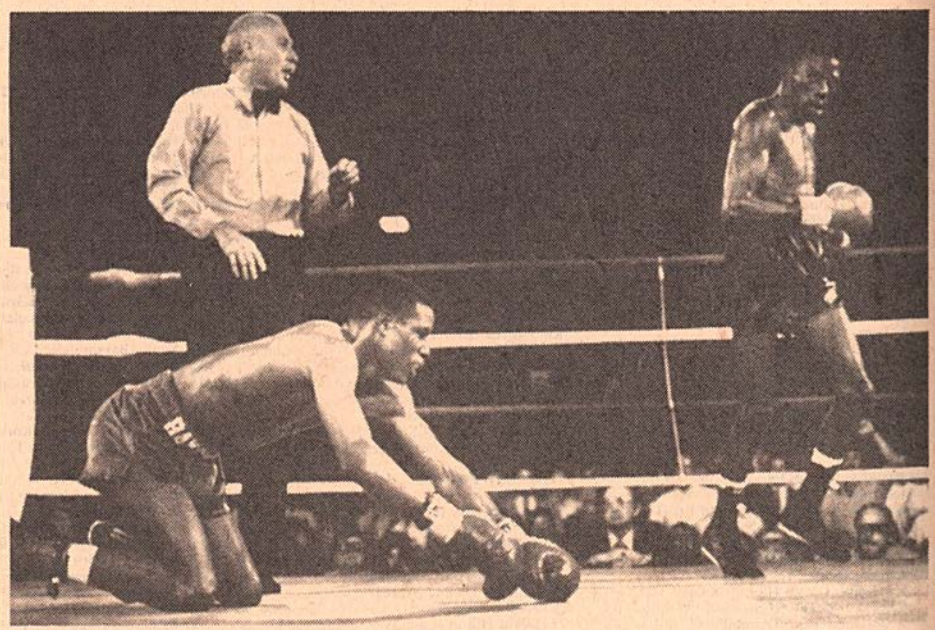
Mike Tinley KO2 Toby Smith
Dwight Walker W10 Sanderline Williams
Robbie Sims KO4 Stacy McSwain

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Carlos Santos W15 Luis Acaries
(Retained IBF Title)
Duane Thomas KO10 Mark McPherson
(Retained USBA Title)
Prince Rodney KO1 Jimmy Cable
(Won British Title)
Milton McCrory KO3 Luis Santana
(non-title)
Troy Darrell W10 Bruce Jackson
Mike Picciotti KO4 Kevin Rooney

WELTERWEIGHTS

Sylvester Mitte W10 Pedro Vilella
Johnny Bumphus KO5 Richard Beranek
Mark Breland KO2 Vince Dunfee
Dick Ecklund W10 James Lucas
Davey Hilton KO2 Dennis Horne
(Retained Continental Americas Title)



Former WBA junior lightweight champion Roger Mayweather trots to a neutral corner after decking previously unbeaten Kenny Baysmore with a right to the head during the third round of their bout in Tyler, Texas. Mayweather won the USBA title when Baysmore was unable to continue.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Joey Ferrell KO6 Greg Edelman
Lonnie Smith W10 Joey Soler
Terry Marsh KO6 Randy Mitchum
Joseph Thetele KO7 James Ndlakaniso
Arthur Mayisela KO8 Julius Mnwana
(Retained South African Title)

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Tyrone Crawley W12 Choo Choo Brown
(Won Vacant USBA Title)
Jose Luis Ramirez W10 Manny Hernandez
(non-title)
Bobby Chacon KO8 Davey Montana
Darryll Tyson W10 James Martinez
Frankie Randall W10 Davey Brown
Freddie Roach W10 Jaime Balboa
Meldrick Taylor KO1 Nery Reyes
Roberto Elizondo W10 Sergio Aguirre

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Wilfredo Gomez W15 Rocky Lockridge
(Won WBA Title)
Roger Mayweather KO3 Kenny Baysmore
(Won USBA Title)
Dwight Pratchett W12 Denis Cruz
(Won NABF Title)
Alfredo Layne KO9 Tomas Rodriguez
Ralph Aviles KO7 Carlos Linares
Pat Cowdell W10 Jose Mosqueda

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Barry McGuigan W15 Eusebio Pedroza
(Won WBA Title)
Tommy Cordova W10 Alberto Parra
Tyrone Jackson KO2 Juan Torres

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Greg Richardson W12 Oscar Muniz
(Won USBA Title)
Richard Sandoval W10 Frankie Duarte
(non-title)
Julian Carter TW3 Arnel Arrozal
Johnny Carter TW3 Arnell Arruzal
Jesse Benavides KO7 Rogelio Leanos

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jiro Watanabe W12 Julio Soto Solano
(Retained WBC Super Flyweight Title)
Daniel Zaragoza W dis.7 Freddie Jackson
(Won Vacant WBC Title)
Jose Estrada W10 Ron Cisneros
Jesus Salud KO8 Pedro Rodriguez
Steve McCrory W6 Karry Allen
James Phatlane KO8 Joseph Diraditsile
Elly Pical KO8 Joo-Da Chun
(Won IBF Super Flyweight Title)

FLYWEIGHTS

Martin Knokoto W10 Philip Serobe
Dave McAuley KO10 Bobby McDermott

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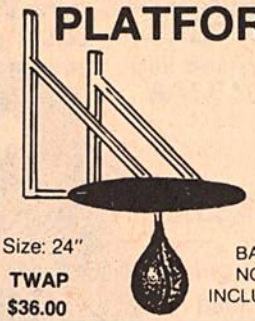

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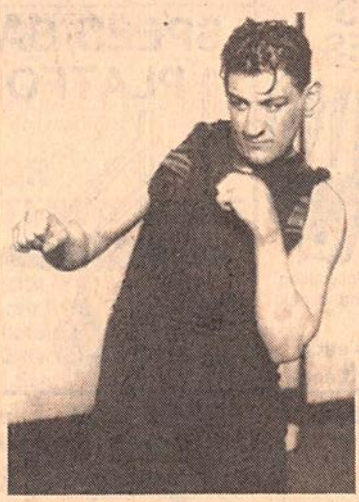
VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

BY CHARLIE SPINA

Rocky Castellani mixes it up with Johnny Bratton during their 1952 match at Madison Square Garden. Rocky now mixes drinks at his cocktail lounge in New Jersey.

Former middleweight champion Johnny Wilson as he looked back in his fighting days. Johnny is now the oldest living former champion in the world.



FORMER NBA FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMpion Tommy Paul recently celebrated his 76th birthday at his home in Buffalo, New York. Tommy, who was born Gaetano Alfonso Pappa in 1901, came from a family of 23 children. He started to box in 1926, at the age of 17. Paul's rise in the amateur ranks was nothing short of meteoric. Within a year, he won the National AAU 118-pound title in Boston, the Niagara District AAU crown and the Empire State championship at Madison Square Garden.

Paul turned pro the same year. He was a five-foot-four perpetual motion machine, and quickly ran up a string of victories over some of the best little men (118-126 pounds) in the world. He boxed all over the country, appearing on cards from Boston to Los Angeles, where he was a favorite of the Hollywood stars. This popularity helped him garner several bit parts in the movies.

Among Tommy's early pro victims were: Frankie Genaro, Bushy Graham, Joey Ross, Frisco Grande, Johnny Vacca, Emil Pauluso, Joey Scalfaro, Andy Martin, Johnny Farr, Archie Bell, Phil Zwick, Freddie Miller, and Johnny Datto. Paul fought Fidel LaBarba four times, and after losing the first three, he finally beat LaBarba via a 10 round decision in 1932. The same year Tommy won the NBA featherweight belt by outpointing Johnny Pena over 15 rounds, May 26 in Detroit.

The following year, Paul lost the title to Freddie Miller by decision. He fought on over the next three years before calling it quits following a sixth-round kayo loss to Ray Boree.

For the next 37 years Paul was a boxing instructor at the Buffalo Athletic Club and Nichols School, teaching kids and adults the art of self-defense. Today, the former champion is a far cry from the popular stereotype of an old-time pug. He's bright, peppy and articulate. Tommy still takes long walks around his North Buffalo neighborhood and is a trim 139 pounds. He has been happily married for 50 years and has four children and 12 grandchildren. Happy Birthday, Tommy. May you have many, many more.

THE ROCHESTER BOXING ASSOCIATION held their eighth annual dinner/dance and awards night at the Mapledale Party House, May 4, 1985. Honored were: Emile Griffith, Chico Vejar, Tony Zito, Don Fischer, Jose Lopez and Tommy Stenhouse. Special guests included: Jose Torres, Billy Conn, Johnny Saxton, Coley Wallace, Jimmy Bivins, Carmen Basilio, Harold Lederman, Jackie Duggan, and Vicki LaMotta. The Rochester Hall of Fame inducted Hector Quamina, Willie Giano, Paulie Colombo, Calvin Leigh and Chubby Brown. A large turnout was on hand to help celebrate one of the greatest nights in Rochester boxing history.

THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA VETERAN Boxers Association recently held a dinner/dance at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. Honored were: Johnny Farr, Vic Grupico, Johnny Vidal, and the late Aaron (Tiger) Wade.

THIS AND THAT: ROCKY CASTELLANI, former middleweight contender from Luzerne, Pennsylvania, is owner of a cocktail lounge in Absecon Highlands, New Jersey. He is also a boxing judge in New Jersey, working many cards in Atlantic City. Rocky looks great and wishes to be remembered to all his friends . . . Veteran ring announcer Joe McHugh, from Allentown, Pennsylvania, celebrated his 81st birthday this past April. McHugh is probably the oldest active ring announcer in the country . . . The newly formed KO Boxing Enterprises recently honored Muhammad Ali . . . SICK LIST: Charlie Gellman, former boxer and director of the Jewish Memorial Hospital, recently underwent surgery. He can be reached at 12 Birch Lane, Valley Stream, New York 11581 . . . Former fighter Sam Markowitz, a member of Ring 21 VBA Brooklyn, is also ailing. Letters and cards can be sent to: 5000 15th Ave., Brooklyn, New York 11219 . . . Charlie (Petey) Smith, former welterweight great of the '40s and '50s, is now a "shut in" case, and lives with his sister. Friends and fans can cheer him up by writing to: 513 South 18th Street, Newardk, New Jersey . . . Bobby McQuillar, former lightweight and trainer of Johnny Bratton, is ill and in the Manhattan V.A. Hospital, 23rd & 1st Ave., New York City . . . Johnny Wilson, former world middleweight champion, has been hospitalized with two broken hips. He can be reached at: Mattapan Chronic Hospital, River Street, Mattapan, Mass., . . . Johnny is the oldest living champion in the world. □

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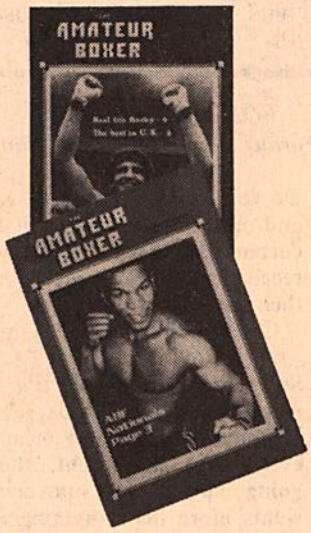

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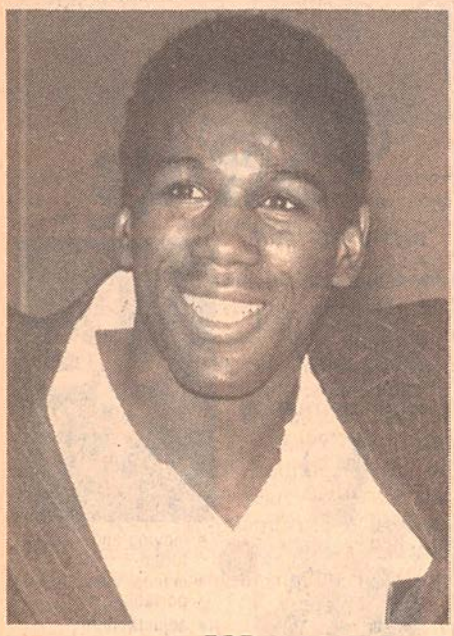
FOR DON KING
Promoter

Q Have your troubles with the IRS caused you to cancel any of your promotions?
R.C., TAMPA, FLA

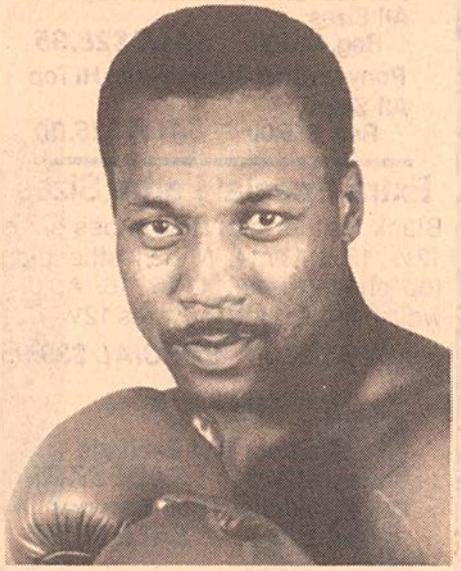
A **No, I still persevere despite all the problems. I've done more with that cloud over my head than most men could do without that cloud. Only in America could I still be putting on shows.**



FOR MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD
Former WBC light heavyweight champion

Q I read that you were recently knocked down in an exhibition. Are you thinking about making a comeback?
M.B., PHILADELPHIA, PA

A **It's a possibility. I still need to go in the gym and see what I have left in this boxing game. I'm glad I was knocked down, though. That tells me I have things I need to work on.**



FOR PINKLON THOMAS
WBC heavyweight champion

Q It is a well known fact that you once had a drug abuse problem. What made you decide to turn your life around?
G.D., CHICAGO, IL

A **I was approaching my 20th birthday and I suddenly found myself tired and scared to death of the fast lane I was in. That's when I decided, with the help of my wife, to get my head back on and move in the right direction.**

FOR GERRY COONEY
Heavyweight contender

Q Since your loss to Larry Holmes, you have done more talking than fighting. Are you sure you really want to be a fighter?
L.F., NEW YORK, N.Y.

A **I've always wanted to fight. I'm gonna fight again and I'm gonna win the title. I understand Holmes is trying to break Rocky Marciano's record. I just hope he tries to break it against me.**

FOR JOE FRAZIER
Former heavyweight champion

Q Do you think that Marvis, Rodney and other members of your family currently fighting professionally receive special treatment because their name is Frazier?
C. McC., WASHINGTON, D.C.

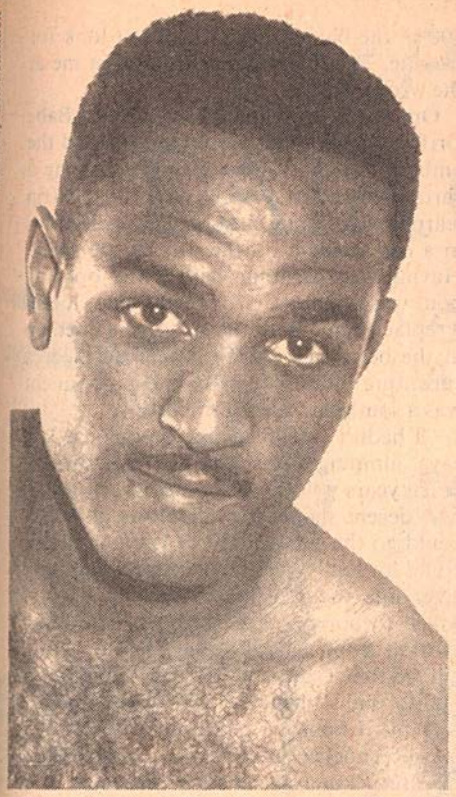
A **Sure the name helps. It's in the record books. I was a good champion. But it also means that every time they fight, they are going up against someone who wants more than anything else to whip a Frazier. But a Frazier won't be whipped easily.**

FOR DAVID BEY
Heavyweight contender

Q You seemed so sure you were going to beat Larry Holmes. Now that he has kicked your butt, what have you got to say for yourself?
B.A., NASHVILLE, TN

A **I have no illusions. I lost to Larry and that's no disgrace. He just outclassed me. I got my licks in, but they obviously weren't enough. I know I hurt him, but he's a great fighter.**

FIGHTERS RATE THEIR DIVISION



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ROBERT FOLLEY RATES THE LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

ONE OF THE LATEST CHIPS OFF THE old boxing block is Robert Folley, son of the late heavyweight contender. Although there is a definite resemblance between father and son, Robert is smaller than his dad and fights at the light heavyweight limit . . . "When I was born, my dad was the number one contender," says Robert. "So, you could say I was born into boxing. My father started to teach me how to fight when I was eight. I believe I inherited his abilities. He taught me all his moves." . . . It is no surprise, therefore, that Robert is almost a carbon copy of his father in the ring. He is a stylish boxer, with sneaky power in his right hand. Critics of Zora say he was dull to watch. The same thing is also said of Robert and his precise method of operations . . . "You have to go along with what you do best," says Robert. "My father taught me that the most important things to learn is defense." . . . Although he began his pro career in New England, Robert has found his fistic home at the Tropicana Hotel/Casino in Atlantic City. He has become a regular performer on their weekly cards, building a record of 12-1, six knockouts . . . In his most recent outing, Folley starched Mike Pollitt in the second round, showing a lot more aggression than normally. His manager, Leslie Ray, thinks that fighting regularly at the Tropicana is bringing out the best in Folley and making him more of a puncher . . . Zora was past his prime when he got a crack at Muhammad Ali in 1967. It's impossible to know if Robert can succeed where his father failed. But if he does, it won't be the first time. Just ask Ray Mancini.

1. Michael Spinks
2. Eddie Davis
3. Marvin Johnson
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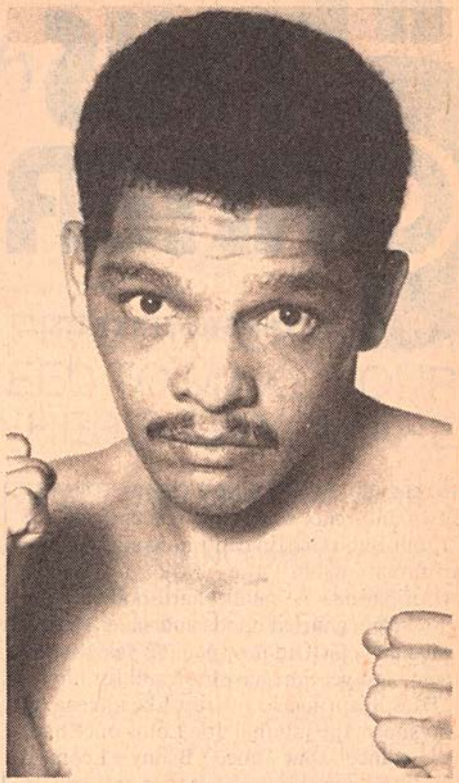
6. J.B. Williamson
7. Jim MacDonald
8. Willie Edwards
9. Poncho Carter
10. Tim Broady

JOEY FERRELL RATES THE JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

SOME FIGHTERS ENJOY BEING THE underdog. Proving the so-called experts wrong can give a fighter the extra incentive needed to make him a winner. One leather pusher who has been upsetting the odds of late is junior welterweight Joey Ferrell. His first surprise victory was a 10-round decision over streaking C.B. Mustafa in November, 1984. Then came a big win over previously undefeated Mike (Machinegun) Mungin early in 1985. But the topper was Ferrell's sixth round stoppage of Greg Edelman—another previously unbeaten warrior . . . Edleman, known as the "Zion Lion," was being touted as the hottest 140-pound prospect on the East Coast before Ferrell cooled him off . . . "People still don't want to believe how good I am," says



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Joey. "But it works to my advantage. It makes me train harder. I'm still trying to prove myself." . . . Although he enjoyed a fine 76-4 amateur record, Ferrel's pro debut was far from auspicious. He came in out of shape and was stopped by Ricky Williams in the fourth round . . . "At first, I messed around a lot," explains Ferrell. "I was on the street, getting into trouble. But that's all behind me now. I think it was just a part of growing up. I had to decide between my career and the streets. I'm completely dedicated now. I'm going for the big one." . . . Joey's manager, Harry D. Asenzo, agrees that Ferrell has turned over a new leaf . . . "He was on the street a long time, but Joey is now the most dedicated fighter there is. He's tenacious, never backs up. A few more fights and he'll be ready for rated contenders." . . . Despite a slow start and a spotty record (he claims to be 10-2-1, six kayoes), Ferrell finally seems to be coming into his own. Like it or not, his days as an underdog are just about over.

1. Aaron Pryor
2. Bill Costello
3. Gene Hatcher
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9. Reyes Cruz
10. Joe Manley

IN THIS CORNER

BY
CHRISTOPHER COATS

BABE GRIFFIN
(PROMOTER)

MOST PEOPLE LEARN HOW TO SIT down and relax when they reach the age of 77, but Babe Griffin can't hold still for two minutes when the talk is about prizefighting. A small, hard-bodied man with large, gnarled hands and silver streaks in his hair, Griffin has spent 62 years in the sport, and yet time has stood still for him.

He still springs to his feet like a teenager and shows the jab that Joe Louis once had, the stance that once Benny Leonard had—and anything else under the sun in the past six decades of boxing.

Many men have been driven into financial ruin trying to promote boxing, but for the better part of fifty years Babe Griffin has succeeded, and at more than just turning a profit. If a fox could talk, it would sound like Babe Griffin. Though he never put on a TV fight, Griffin has helped keep the sport alive in Northern California, and if he poses no threat to Don King or Bob Arum, there are not many who could claim to have accomplished what he has. In the past he promoted name fighters like Tony Canzoneri, Max Baer, Manuel Ortiz, and Joe Louis once in an exhibition, among others, and recently he hit paydirt with Pete Ranzany and now Bobby Chacon. But the heart of his story is in the time spent, the honesty put out, and the opportunity that was offered to young fellows who started with old sneakers and pants cut short for trunks.

Griffin was born Victor Galiotto in 1907 in San Jose. His parents were Sicilian immigrants who worked as day laborers to feed nine children. Young Victor's first hero was Babe Ruth, and he picked up the nickname "Little Babe" playing baseball with his friends. He found his way into boxing at the age of 15, following in the footsteps of an older brother. Not much later, he followed his life's calling, turning pro. Babe only earned seven dollars for his debut, but went on to record an overall record of 36-6-3 before retiring.

But Babe wasn't through with boxing.

Not by a long shot.

"It was on and off for many years when I started," Babe recalls. "Oh, I fought, then I managed, or trained fighters, and when things were slow I promoted. Sometimes I'd go back to managing, but I always stayed with promoting. I learned about boxing from the old masters. Fellows that are gone now. I saw Harry Greb and Jack Dempsey fight, and Kid Choclate and Henry Armstrong, and many others. I got to know all the trainers and different characters around. I learned the basics, every part of boxing, because I had the best to learn from. Boxing's my blood. I once owned a pool hall, and a card room. And I've owned four bars and I worked the counter in all of them. I'm a small guy, but there were times I had to knock some big fellows over the tables or through the front window. Sometimes they caught me at the wrong time, and I'd say to myself, 'Babe, Goddamnit, you got to hit this jerk as hard as you can.' Maybe they didn't think I could hurt them, but I knew how to throw a punch because I learned the basics. If I had 45 fights in the ring, I must have had about 300 in the bars I owned. I didn't look for trouble, but sometimes guys caught me at the wrong time."

One night 51 years ago life tossed Babe Griffin a curve that would have ended the ambition of most other men. Promoting a card at Foreman's Arena in 1934, Griffin learned that fighter Frankie Ross was killed in a car accident on the way to the show. Having just an hour before the opening bout was to go on, Griffin could not locate a replacement. With the customers lined up at the boxoffice, the promoter decided to substitute himself for Ross. His opponent was a southpaw named Kid Kallis.

"I hadn't fought in five years," Griffin says, jumping to his feet. "This Kallis was seven years younger than me. I was in half way decent shape, but there was no way I could go the distance and I knew it. Kallis could hit really hard, like a sledgehammer. Everyone thought I was kidding when I asked to borrow some boxing gear. But I bluffed a bit, said I'd been working out, and so they examined me right there in the auditorium. When the bell rang I came out to fight. I knocked him down three times, and he knocked me down once, busted me up. But I knocked him out. Flattened him just before the first round was over. I won, but I got two cracked ribs for it and the next day I spit a tooth out on the street."

Griffin currently lives on a small ranch in Morgan Hill, an area that was once mostly farms but is now giving way to subdivisions and office buildings. His first wife died during childbirth, and two later marriages failed, but he has a live-in girlfriend, and though approaching 78, he still does roadwork three mornings a week. Babe spends a few hours each night on the phone, calling his network of contacts, arranging fight cards in Sacramento and San Francisco.

For most of his life Griffin needed the hard edge of his wits to survive, but he prospered in boxing because of his reputation. In a sport made of conniving and contracts, Griffin can get a fighter from just about anywhere on his word. He always pays his bills.

"One of the most important things in promoting," Griffin says without doubt, "is to know how to make a fighter. When I had someone, like Pete Ranzany, I always tried to get him tough, honest opponents, but I stayed away from guys that were cute boxers. It's not enough to have your kid win, you want to find him someone that will make an exciting fight. That's what the customers want to see. Sometimes a guy doesn't put up a good effort, but you should never look for an easy touch. If you got to find an easy touch, then you got the wrong kid to be the hero." □

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